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THE AMERICAN LEGION, ET AL., *Petitioner*,

v.

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Respondents.

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Defendant,

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Defendant-Intervenors,

Filed May 5, 2015

DECLARATION OF
MICHAEL L. WEINSTEIN

I, Michael L. Weinstein, hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I am the Founder and President of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF).

2. I am a 1977 Honor Graduate from the United States Air Force Academy. I have served as a JAG officer in the US Air Force, Assistant General Counsel (White House Office of Administration) working in and for the West Wing of the Reagan administra-

tion, and the first General Counsel to H. Ross Perot and Perot Systems Corporation.

3. The MRFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, civil rights organization that exists for the sole purpose of reestablishing the constitutionally guaranteed separation of church and state in the US military. I founded the organization in 2005 after learning about the abhorrent treatment of my two Jewish sons, Curtis and Casey Weinstein, and my future Christian daughter-in-law, Amanda Weinstein, by fundamentalist evangelical Christian zealots at the United States Air Force Academy. Since then, MRFF has grown to have approximately 41,000 clients from all branches of the US military, inclusive of active duty United States Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, Cadets, Midshipmen, National Guard and reserve personnel, Coast Guard men and women, and Veterans who represent a myriad faith and non-faith groups, including but not limited to Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Native American spiritualist, Agnostic, Atheist, Humanist, Secularist, and numerous other minority faith traditions. MRFF has been nominated 7 times in the last 6 years for the Nobel Peace Prize.

4. The Bladensburg Cross does not represent our tens of thousands of MRFF clients because they strongly support separation of church and state. The Bladensburg Cross is a Christian symbol on government property. It is our position that an exclusivist Christian government does not rule the United States of America. The majority of our clients (approximately 96% in fact) are members of one of the many Christian denominations, with about 3/4 being Protestants from a plethora of denominations, while

the remaining 1/4 are Roman Catholic. Even our Christian clients recognize the simple truth that for them to be free, they must first guarantee the freedoms of others, and vehemently oppose Christian supremacist policies, actions, or monuments.

5. Because the Bladensburg Cross is a Christian symbol, it sends a message to all of our non-Christian MRFF clients that they are outsiders and unwelcome in the Town of Bladensburg. This message is particularly harmful in the context of a war memorial. It sends a clear signal to all our non-Christian veterans that they are not worthy of being remembered. It sends a clear signal to all the mothers and fathers of non-Christian service members that their sons and daughters are less important than those Christian service members.

6. As the leader of an organization of multiple thousands of active duty and veteran warriors — and a veteran myself — I can say with authority that the Bladensburg Cross is not a neutral memorial that represents our nation's heroes. Rather, it is a clear relic of the foul, sectarian, and anti-constitutional plague of fundamentalist Christian supremacy, which has wreaked havoc on our country's secular character for the greater part of the last century.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this day of April 16, 2015.

/s/ Michael L. Wenstein
Michael L. Weinstein

EXHIBIT 1

CHAIN OF TITLE

PEACE CROSS

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(There is no record of conveyance of the greater part of the Peace Cross site from Snyder-Farmer-Butler Post #3 of Hyattsville to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, but the Commission has maintained the Peace Cross for many years.)

#2511:99 25 Oct. 1960 Deed	State Roads Commission to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning; 0.33 acres, part of the Casey Tract; same which grantors acquired through eminent domain in Law #7755.
Law #7755	Condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County - State Roads Commission vs. Heirs of William T. Casey; Court decreed that $4,462 was to be paid to the defendants, and with that payment, 4,462 square feet of the Casey Tract became vested in the State of Maryland for the State Roads Commission.

Chapter 432, 1935 Laws of Maryland	The State Roads Commission was directed to determine the ownership of land in the area of Peace Cross and authorized to acquire the same, by purchase or condemnation, for road improvements.
#421:381 25 Feb. 1922 Deed	Commissioners of Bladensburg to Snyder-Farmer Post #3, American Legion; Parcel on which "the cross now stands" for as long as the Post existed; if the Post disbanded, the land reverted to the Commissioners.
c. 1918	Although there is nothing in the city records, the Prince George's County Memorial Committee must have obtained the permission of the Commissioners of Bladensburg to place its proposed Peace Cross in the former public landing in the town; land was vested in the Commissioners by Chapter 428, 1870 Laws of Maryland.

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admission of liability on the part of the Mayor and Common Council or otherwise used against the said Mayor and Common Council respecting its liability or asserted to be any liability of the Mayor and Common Council in any suit instituted by a claimant to enforce his claim.

SEC. 2. *And be it further-enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1935.

Approved May 17, 1935.

CHAPTER 432.

AN ACT to request the State Roads Commission to investigate the ownership and possessory rights of the property at the junction of the Defense Highway and Baltimore Boulevard in Bladensburg and if there is outstanding ownership or right of possession in any one to any part of said tract, to authorize and direct said Commission to acquire the same and to direct the Board of Public Works to transfer a sufficient sum to said Commission for payment of same.

WHEREAS, a controversy has arisen over the ownership and use of a small tract of land surrounding the Peace Cross at the junction of the Defense Highway and the Baltimore Boulevard in Bladensburg, Maryland, and the use of said land for commercial purposes will create a serious menace to traffic at this point; and

WHEREAS, The State Roads Commission is deeply concerned about the traffic hazard situation at this junction; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Roads Commission is authorized and directed to investigate the ownership and possessory rights of the so-called Casey Tract surrounding the said Peace Cross at the junction of the Defense Highway and the Baltimore Boulevard in Bladensburg, and if the said Commission determines that there is an outstanding ownership or right of possession to any part of said tract, it is authorized and directed to proceed forthwith to acquire the same by purchase or condemnation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Board of Public Works be and it is hereby directed to transfer to the said State Roads Commission such amount as may be agreed upon awarded for the acquisition of said tract.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1935.

Approved May 17, 1935.

CHAPTER 433.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Caroline County," sub-title "Hucksters," said new section to be known as Section 341A and to follow immediately after Section 341 of said Article, imposing license fees on hucksters, hawkers and peddlers selling fruits and vegetables in Caroline County and exempting the growers thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Caroline County," sub-title "Hucksters," said new section to be known as Section 341A, to follow immediately after Section 341 of said Article, and to read as follows :

341A. No huckster, hawker or peddler shall sell or offer for sale any fruits or vegetables, in Caroline County until he shall have first taken out a license for that purpose in accordance with the provisions of this section; provided however that this section shall not apply to the farmers or growers selling their own fruits or vegetables.

For every such license, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Caroline County shall be paid twenty-five ($25.00) dollars per annum. The receipts from said licenses shall be paid to the County Treasurer for the use of said County. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, to be recovered as other fines are recovered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of Jaws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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EXHIBIT 2

PHOTOGRAPHS OF
BLADENSBURG CROSS (MISC.)

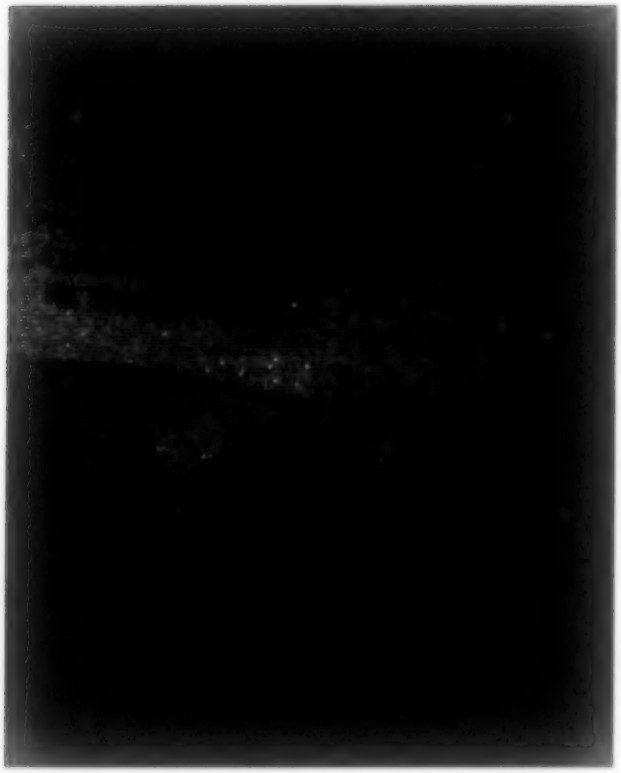

EXHIBIT 3

THE WASHINGTON TIMES,
SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1919
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NEW HIGHWAY WILL BE YANK MEMORIAL

Gov. Emerson C. Harrington, of Maryland, will use a gold shovel in spreading the first concrete when work begins early in June on the National Defense Highway, between Bladensburg and Annapolis.

There will be elaborate ceremonies in which leading men and women of Prince Georges county will take part.

At a meeting yesterday of members of the good roads league of Prince Georges county, the decision was reached to dedicate the highway in question to the memory of soldiers. sailors and marines from that county who died in the worm war.

Cross to Mark Start.

A mammoth cross, a likeness of the Cross of Calvary, as described in the Bible, will be built at the beginning of the highway at Bladensburg. The monument, which will be twenty feet high, will bear a huge bronze tablet on which will be the names of Prince George's boys who died in the service.

The cross will be erected at Bladensburg, where the Defense Highway joins the Baltimore and Washington pike.

The date of dedication will be announced within the next few days by John R. Riggles, president of the. Good Roads League.

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THE WASHINGTON HERALD,
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1919
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MEMORIAL CROSS FOR HERO DEAD PLANNED

Residents of Prince George County, Maryland, are developing plans for the erection of a monster calvary cross at Bladensburg, the starting point of the Bladensburg to Annapolis State memorial highway, for the soldiers, sailors and Marines who gave their lives in the war with Germany.

John R. Riggles is chairman of the men's and Mrs. Edgar Brown, chairman of the women's committee on the Calvary Cross Memorial.

Six mothers whose sons fell in the war are on the women's committee. They are: Mrs. Neal Disney, of Bowie; Mrs. John Thurman, Seat Pleasant; Mrs. Charles Hartman, of Suitland; Mrs. Joseph Ford, colored, of Landover; Mrs. H. C. Hunterman, of Mount Rainer;; Mrs. Harry Stewart, of Haynesboro, and Mrs. O.C. Straun, of Ardmore.

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THE WASHINGTON POST (1877-1922); JUNE 8, 1919
PROQUEST HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS:
THE WASHINGTON POST (1877-1997)
pg. A11

HIGHWAY TO BE MEMORIAL

The National Defense Highway, between Bladensburg and Annapolis, will be dedicated by the citizens of Prince Georges county, Md., to the memory of their dead soldiers, sailors and marines. A calvary cross, 20 feet high, will be erected at Bladensburg and the names of the county heroes will be inscribed on a bronze tablet.

It is planned to have the dedication exercises within the next few weeks. Gov. Harrington will spread the first concrete. Mrs. Edgar Brown is in charge of the committee on arrangements. Secretary of War Barker, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, members of Congress and other prominent men will be invited to attend.

THE WASHINGTON POST (1877-1922); JULY 11, 1919
PROQUEST HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS:
THE WASHINGTON POST (1877-1997)
pg. 5

SACRIFICE CROSS FOR SOLDIER

Prince Georges Countians Plan Seaplane Flight to Aid Fund.

A naval seaplane flight from Washington to Chesapeake Beach may be a feature of Prince Georges county memorial day, which will be celebrated at the resort next Monday.

Arrangements or the flight now are being made with the Navy Department. It is proposed that the plan shall carry messages from Secretaries Baker and Daniels, from newspapers and from prominent business men regarding the erection of the big sacrifice cross at Bladensburg in honor of the 52 Prince Georges county Yanks who lost their lives in the war. The excursion is for the benefit of the fund to erect the cross.

THE WASHINGTON POST (1923-1954); MARCH 5, 1924
PROQUEST HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS:
THE WASHINGTON POST (1877-1997)
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SUBURBAN

HYATTSVILLE

Representatives of Snyder-Farmer post, No. 3. American Legion, of Hyattsville are planning to address community and other· organizations in various sections of the country in interest of the post's campaign to complete the memorial cross at Bladensburg erected in honor of Prince Georges county men who died in the world war.

Alan H. Pottinger last night explained the situation to the citizens' association at Decatur Heights. C.L. Aiello will address the citizens' improvement association at Riverdale March 13, and. Waldo Burnside, commander of the post, expects to announce within a few days the assignment of additional speakers.

If a movement begun by Mrs. John J. Fainter, of the ladies' auxiliary to the post, materializes. a tree will be planted on the site near the cross in honor of the mothers of the county; men who made the supreme sacrifice.

At a meeting tonight of the post in legion hall the permanent charter will be signed. Only members who were in good standing during the first year of the post's organization-October 21, 1919 to October 20, 1920 and who are now in good standing, or those whose names appeared on the application for a temporary charter, will be eligible to sign the per-

manent charter. Following the signing of: the charter refreshments will be served.

For designing the best posters advertising the annual Hyattsville Chautauqua, which has just· concluded, these pupils of the Hyattsville elementary schools were awarded prizes of a complimentary ticket: Grace Oldenburg, seventh grade, Olive street school, and Billy Munson, fourth grade, Spencer street school. Honorable mention was given Glenn Farwell, sixth grade, Olive street school, and William Stanton, third grade, Spencer street school. H. W. Gilbertson, chairman of the committee which judged the posters, states the drawings were unusually meritorious.

Following an absence of almost two years on duty with the Pacific fleet, First Lieut. Galen U. Sturgis, marine corp., son of Prof. and Mrs. S. C. Sturgis, has arrived home on a week's furlough, at the termination of which he will rejoin the fleet which is at New York. The Hyattsville Women's club will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Olive Street school.

ROCKVILLE.

The home of Roger Nichols, at Burdette, Md was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon, entailing a loss of about $6.000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

Earlier in the day· the home of Miss Lucy Moore at Ashton caught fire from a defective flue. Before the citizens of the community, who formed into a bucket brigade, could extinguish the flames; damage to the amount of $500 was done.

The Rev. Nolan B. :Harmon Jr., pastor of the Methodist church, officiated at the marriage here

Sunday of Eldridge P. Byrd, of Dayton, Va. and Miss Elizabeth M. Hamel of Washington.

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PICNIC TO RAISE MEMORIAL FUND

Chesapeake Beach Mecca

Today for Citizens of Prince Georges.

The people of Prince George County, Maryland, today will hold their first Maryland, today will hold their first annual observance of memorial day in tribute to the fifty-two service men from the county who lost their lives in the world war. The celebration will take place at Chesapeake Beach.

Two big seaplanes will arrive at Chesapeake Beach from Hampton Roads at 4 o'clock this afternoon in connection with the excursion.

The excursion will be for the benefit of the $5,000 fund for the erection, at Bladensburg, of a huge sacrifice cross in honor of the dead heroes. Mrs. J. H. Norman, treasurer of the fund, will be at the resort to receive subscriptions.

The "Bordeau Glide," danced by soldiers just back from the war zone, will be a feature of the program. It is possible that a naval seaplane will make a flight to the beach from Washington.

The 9:15 and 11:30 trains to the resort will stop at Upper Marlboro to take aboard delegations from that town. On the return trips the 3, 6 and 10 o'clock trains will stop at the town.

John R. Riggles is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. He is assisted by a committee of twenty yeomen (F) and Marinettes.

EXHIBIT 5

LEGION DEDICATES
BLADENSBURG WAR MEMORIAL CROSS, WASHINGTON
POST DATED JULY 13, 1925

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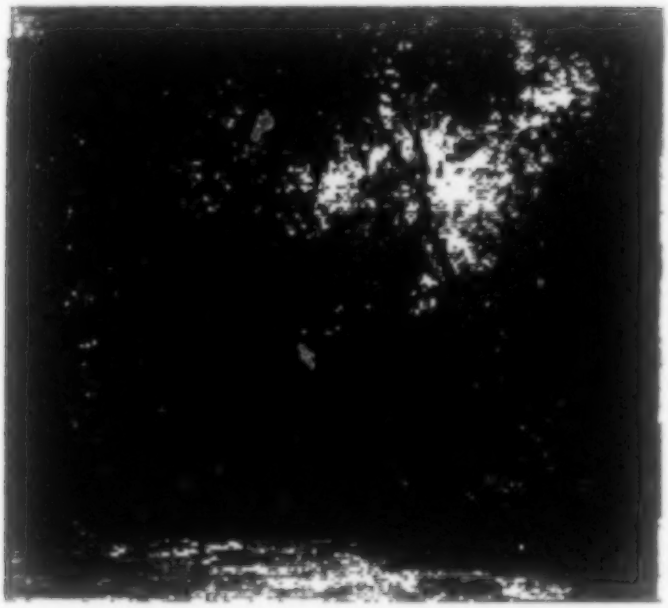
The Vincent B. Costello post, Fife and Drum corps of Washington, and the apparatus of the Prince Georges county fire department, participated in the parade through Bladensburg before the dedication exercises.

CAMERA'S RECORD OF LOCAL EVENTS

Peter de Paolo, winner of the inaugural race at the Baltimore-Washington speedway on Saturday, receiving the winner's check from Ernest N. Smith, of the A.A.A., yesterday morning. Left to right: Bob McDonogh, Harry Hartz, Wade Morton, Tommy Milton and De Paolo. Fred Comer is seen over Mr. Smith's shoulder. Earl De Vore is standing in his shirt sleeves with Jim Hill to his left.

Dr. Edgar Bernard Brossard, economist, with the United States tariff commission, whom President

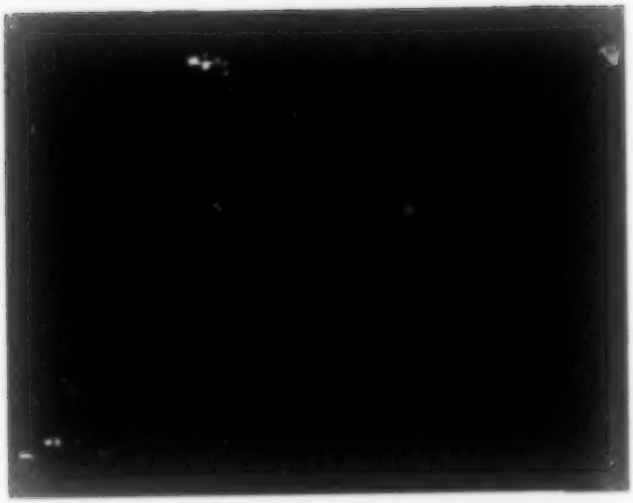
Coolidge was just appointed a member of the commission.

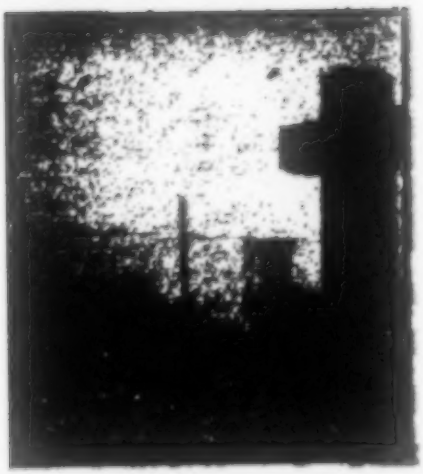


A scene in Potamac park yesterday afternoon after a young tornado had swept across Washington's nationally famous speedway. A 40-foot tree is seen lying across the automobile of A. Decker. 1333 Fifteenth street northwest. No one was hurt.

Eleven members of National American Ballet at Alcova Heights, Va., poised for a simultaneous dive amid natural settings.

Rita Murnane 8 years old. Youngest entrant in the "red head" contest at St. Gabriel's carnival. Grant circle and Webster street northwest, tonight.





(Above) Representative **Stephen W. Gambrill**, of Maryland, speaking at dedication of the memorial cross at Bladensburg, Md., yesterday. Right: The cross erected by Snyder-Farmer post of the American Legion and a part of the crows.

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The Washington Post - Monday, 7/13/1925, p. 14

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EXHIBIT 8

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HISTORICAL STRUCTURES SURVEY

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I. Introduction

In an effort to assist the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission with their physical development program. Blackburn Architects is pleased to submit the following analysis of ten historic sites in Prince George's County. This report is a part of a larger study of twenty-four sites throughout the County. This analysis was mandated by the County Council in order to determine the condition, development potential, and renovation costs for each structure. This study should serve as a guide in determining future restoration and preservation objectives in the County. Through the combined efforts of the architect, structural engineer, mechanical engineer, and cost estimator a detailed list of deficiencies and required improvements was developed and is presented using the following procedure:

Our analytical process involved visits to each site in which existing conditions and deficiencies were recorded in a checklist format included within each section of this report. The observations were limited to visual inspection only and no special testing was conducted. All accessible spaces were investigated: however, concealed areas were not accessible and are not included in the results of this report. Further selective demolition and testing of foundations, walls, and roofs may be needed before final restoration methods are determined. Where damage or deficiencies were suspected, additional testing has been recommended. This analysis does not indicate the presence or absence of any hazardous materials in any of these sites. Further testing should be conducted by hazardous materials abatement professional. If these materials are found. They must be

dealt with in the appropriate manner. These field observations were compiled and coordinated with the consultants, and recommendations were developed for stabilization, restoration for partial use, and restoration for full public use.

These recommendations are included in the body of this report. The condition of the buildings varies, and the requirements for stabilization range from reroofing and repainting to emergency bracing to limit chances of collapse. Restoration for partial use is being analyzed for the current use of the building, if occupied, or for limited office if unoccupied, In order to comply with changes in the building codes, many of these buildings will require substantial renovations if altered for office or public use. Restoration for full public use is being analyzed for public display and information space on the first floor and offices on the second floor. Additional code requirements and upgrades in finishes are required for full public use as indicated in the report. A separate section for each building is included in the report that contains requirements for architectural; structural; and mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) improvements. A brief summary for each building is including in the succeeding section.

A detailed cost estimate containing specific line item costs is provided in a separate document. These figures are prepared as a guide for future budget planning by M-NCPPC. They are based on limited information and field observations, and are subject to changes in the construction market. A more definite cost estimate should be prepared when specific restoration plans are developed for each site.

The report section summarizes required improvements for stabilization and restoration. Each building is presented separately and stabilization, restoration for partial use, and restoration for full public use are divided within each section. A page numbering system identifies each building. For Chelsea, building 1, page 1 is numbered 1-1. Finally, drawings, checklists, and a cost estimate summary for each site show related costs for stabilization, restoration for partial use, and restoration for full public use.

Summary

Built in the late eighteenth century, Chelsea is a two story, hipped roof house that combines both Federal and Greek Rival styles as a result of a renovation that occurred around 1830. The house was last used as a private residence and is currently vacant. The interior is in fair condition because of continued interior heating and ventilation. The exterior is in fair to poor condition as a result of foundation settlement and decaying exterior siding. A concealed gutter system has failed and will soon lead to substantial water damage if not repaired. The facility is not accessible to the handicapped and does not meet current building codes. In order to utilize this structure for use other than a caretakers residence, substantial renovation will be required. Renovation options for office use and public display spaces are presented in the report. The cost estimates for each phase are as follows: stabilization, $93,310; restoration for partial use, $700,664; restoration for full public use, 827,532. Refer to the separately bound cost estimate for a detailed description of these costs.

The College Park Airport Airmail Hangar was built circa 1909 and served as the first commercial airmail service hangar.) Currently, the building is used as a maintenance hangar for aircraft repair and restoration. Though presently occupied there are many repairs needed in order to stabilize or restore this building. Site regrading after its construction has left portions of the hangar slab below grade. Standing site water floods the rear of the building and is causing substantial interior water damage. The grade around the perimeter of the building should be lowered below the floor slab and a storm water drainage system should be installed. The exterior wall panels are incorrectly installed or maintained and should be replaced. Many current code violations may have to be corrected if this building is renovated for its current use. Presently, inadequate fire ratings and lack of sprinklers represent fire hazards within the building. The historical significance and design of this building may justify its restoration as a museum of public display space. Restoration options for an aircraft repair facility and a museum are presented in the report. The cost estimates for each phase are as follows: stabilization, $407,145; restoration for partial use, $716.870: restoration for full public use, $919.141. Refer to the separately bound cost estimate for a detailed description of these costs.

The Cottage at Warington is a one story house, with finished attic and partial basement that was built circa 1842. The main house, with saltbox style roof and wood siding, seems to have two smaller additions stepping out from the front side. A small metal shed roofed addition links a slightly larger gable roofed room. Originally a private residence,

the structure has since been used as a caretakers house and a field office for archeology work. The building is currently vacant and is in fair to poor condition. The exterior siding is decaying and the interior has substantial water damage. Because of the size of this structure and the difficulty in meeting accessibility and building code requirements, it may be best used as a caretakers residence. Both residential and office use restoration options are included in the report. The cost estimates for each phase are as follows: stabilization, $65,293; restoration for partial use. $419,256: restoration for full public use. $562,115. Refer to the separately bound cost estimate for a detailed description of these costs.

The Crandell-Rothstein House is a two story combination saltbox and gable-roofed house that was built in the 1840's as a single family residence. Several later additions to incorporate a bakery shop have left a building with a multisectional arrangement., Unfortunately, the structure of this house is unsound and some floors are beginning to collapse. Masonry foundation walls are crumbling and wood floor joist are eaten away by termites. Many areas will have to be rebuilt in order to restore this building. Office and public display restoration requirements are presented, but careful consideration of the cost estimates should be made before considering these options. The cost estimates for each phase are as follows: stabilization, $94,521; restoration for partial use. $476,992; restoration for full public use, $526,063. Refer to the separately bound cost estimate for a detailed description of these costs.

Hazelwood was built in three phases beginning with a 1 1/2 story gambrel roofed section in the late

eighteenth century. In circa 1800, side gabled 2 1/2 story federal style structure was added. Circa 1860 a 3 story Victorian center section was added to join the two earlier structures. The building underwent a complete stabilization recently and needs limited repairs at this time. However, extensive renovations may be required depending on the restoration use. Previous interior water and insect damage will require substantial repairs. If restored for office or public use, fire ratings and sprinklers requirements will have to be met. Restoration options for office and public display use are indicated in the report. The cost estimates for each phase are as follows: stabilization, $59,870; restoration for partial use; $1.149.121; restoration for full public use; $1,623,958. Refer to the separately bound cost estimate for a detailed description of these costs.

Oxon Hill is two story hip roofed, brick structure that was built in 1929. It represents one of the early examples of a very well built steel bar joist and masonry load bearing structure. The first floor has an administrative office and is currently being rented for receptions and other functions. The exterior is in good condition with the exception of cracking site walls, peeling paint, and a leaking roof. The interior of the first floor is in good condition; however, the second floor has severe water damage and will require substantial repair. Current code violations and restrictions for alternate uses may complicate the restoration of this building. If the second floor is to be used for public or office use, a second exit may be required. Additional stairs may be required at each end of the building. The basement is currently sprinkled: however, additional areas may require sprinklers depending on the

restoration use. The building is well designed and is worthy of museum quality restoration. Office, guest rooms, and public display restoration options are presented. The cost estimates for each phase are as follows: stabilization, $274,937; restoration for partial use, $2,253,740; restoration for full public use; $3,466,797. Refer to the separately bound cost estimate for a detailed description of these costs.

The Peace Cross, built from 1919 to 1920, is a monument dedicated to the soldiers from Prince George's county who lost their lives fighting in World War I. The exposed aggregate concrete cross is approximately forty feet tall and measures fifteen feet at its base. The site is located in the middle of a busy traffic intersection. No public access is possible. The stabilization and restoration of the structure will require repairing cracks and preventing water penetration; however, the cause of the cracking must be determined first. The cracks could be caused by thermal cycling or improper curing of the concrete during construction. Further material sampling and testing is required before repair methods can be recommended. A rough cost estimate is provided, but these numbers may change when more data is available. The cost estimate for stabilization is $54,201, Refer to the separately bound cost estimate for a detailed description of these costs.

Mount Calvert is a two story brick Federal-style house, with finished attic and partial basement that was built in the late eighteenth century. In the mid-nineteenth century a side wing was added that possibly connected a previously free standing structure to the main house. The building has excellent detailing, both exterior and interior, and the site

offers scenic view of the confluence of the Western Branch and the Patuxent River.1 The main house is used for occasional interpretive programs, while the added wing is currently used as a caretakers residence. The exterior masonry needs substantial repairs and the masonry

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EXHIBIT 13

"THE PEACE CROSS"
(RECORDS OF SNYDER-FARMER-BUTLER)

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a total of $675.80. Among her disbursements were an additional $476.55 to I.H. Moser and $12.50 to "Foster, Architect." At that point (early 1922), the committee gave up the struggle.(24)

Perhaps a part of the Prince George's County Memorial Committee's failure to its financial goal can be attributed to the keen competition it encountered. January 1919 it had been proposed that an appropriate war memorial be erected Upper Marlboro, the county seat, and by March a second memorial committee began __ting there in the Court House. During the summer that group, with the aid of __committees established throughout the county, solicited subscriptions to raise __00. Their campaign was far more successful and on October 7, 1919, a little over a week after the ground-breaking for the Peace Cross, a bronze placque, bearing the names of forty-seven war dead, was unveiled in the Court House yard, and cornerstone of a second section of the monument, a fountain, was laid. It was likely that many citizens, aware the county already had a war memorial, deemed unnecessary to support further attempts to complete the Peace Cross.(25)

Due to the lack of funds, "the Cross was in unfinished condition, and, being the Washington-Baltimore boulevard, it became an eye-sore to those who passed everyday." On February 25, 1922, after giving consideration to the facts that was desirable

the monument be completed at the earliest possible date and that Snyder-Farmer Post of the American Legion had consented to take over the task, Commissioners of Bladensburg resolved to convey to Snyder-Farmer Post #3 of Hyattsville a parcel of land on which "the cross now stands." The deed was to re-n in effect as long as the Post was in e7-xistance, but if the organization dis___, the land, "together with the Cross and its surroundings," was to revert the town, As the last entry in her records, Mrs. Redman transferred a cash ante of $32.67 to Snyder-Farmer.(26)

Shortly afterward, in a letter to the Maryland War Records Commission, the ion post reported that it had taken over all contracts associated with the _____ in September 1923, the secretary of the post wrote that "the plans have not progressed as they should have." After having accummulated about one-third of the amount needed, the drive for funds had stopped, and nothing had been done since the previous January. There were hopes, however, "of starting in again the first of the year."(27)

It took almost two more years of dogged determination on the part of Snyder-Parmer to bring their campaign to a successful conclusion. Finally, on the afternoon of July 12, 1925, after a last minute filling and levelling of the grounds by the membership, the dedication ceremonies were held. Following the keynote speech by Congressman Stephen W. Gambrill, Mrs. Bradley A. Snyder unveiled a forty-foot high cross, with each arm stretching five feet and bearing no inscription other than the words "Valor," "Endurance," Courage," and "Devotion" on the Jour sides of its base. A mixture of concrete and marble, light brown in color kith a reddish-brown border, "it

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The "John D. Early" credited with executing the Peace Cross was actually John Joseph Farley, who by the early 1920's had acquired s sizeable reputation for his works in mosaic concrete. Farley was 'born in New York City in 1881, served an apprenticeship under his father, a stonecutter, and it the latter's death in 1906, inherited the Washington stone-cutting business, the Farley Studio. With the son as director, the firm turned primarily to stucco and plaster work and enjoyed almost immediate success in obtaining both government and private contracts.

Just before World War I, the U.S. Office of Public Buildings and Grounds undertook the planning and creation in Washington of Meridian Hill Park, "an ela-_____ 12, 1975 at 7 P.M., the Snyder-Farmer-Butler Post of the American Legion __ted a special ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the cross' delica-.1a crowd gathered, the scene was reminiscent of the one which had occurred.

A further reminder of the earlier event was the Master of Ceremonies, try Kiser, Commander of the Post at the time of the original dedication presented with a gold replica of the cross by Mayor Susanna Cristofane of _irg who also delivered the welcoming address. The honored guest of the was Chaplain (Colonel) James J. Murphy from the office of the Chief of Chap- _____ U.S. Army.( )

___ year on Armistice Day, the Legion Post assembles at the base of the cross __omage to the men it symbolizes. Thus, for a few moments, the true significance of the memorial cross is brought back into focus. Most of the time, however it is simply taken for granted it is just there.

EXHIBIT 17

THE WASHINGTON TIMES,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1919

BLADENSBURG NEWS

Daniels Speaks at Breaking of Ground for Memorial to Prince Georges Heroes.

BLADENSBURG, Md., Sept. 29.–Several hundred residents of this county and adjacent sections attended the ceremonies here yesterday afternoon incident to the breaking of ground for the memorial cross to the heroes of Prince George's county who gave their lives in the world war. The National Defense highway from Annapolis to Washington, now building, also was dedicated.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels was the principal speaker. He lauded the spirit of the young men of the country who, be stated, had cast aside personal ambitions to serve their country whole-heartedly.

A feature of the ceremonies was the presence of a section of the United States Marine Band, which rendered a number of selections.

Mrs. William Farmer, mother of George Farmer, of Company F. 115th infantry, Twenty-ninth division, the first Prince George's county soldier killed in battle, broke the ground for the memorial monu-

ment. John H. Miller, of the Marine Band, gave a cornet solo, "Rock of Ages."

Ground for the National Defense highway was broken by Mrs. Martin Redman, mother of William Redman, the first boy of the county serving in the navy who gave his life to the cause. Mayor Matthew F. Halloran, of Hyattsville, delivered the dedicatory address. School children sang, "My County 'Tis of Thee," led by Mrs. Hontas Sturgis, principal of the Hyattsville Elementary School. Jackson H. Ralston, president of the county Red Cross chapter, delivered an address on "Our Heroes." The ceremonies were brought to a close with the singing by the assemblage of "The Star-Spangled Banner." John J. Riggles, president of the Good Roads League, of this county, was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

According to the records of the executive committee arranging the county-wide memorial exercises on October 7 in Upper Marlboro in honor of the county's heroes who died in the service, the following Prince Georgians made the supreme sacrifice: Albert N. Baden, Baden; Henry Harrison Boswell, Rosaryville; Herman E. Burgess, Hyattsville; Clarence Butler, Nottingham; Vincent Genger Cooley, Brookland, D. C.; James Cooper; Harry Irwin Dennison, Clinton; Wilbur Aubrey Disney, Bowie; Joseph Benedict Edelen, Waldorf, R. F. D. No. 1; George W. Farmer, Hyattsville; Thomas Notley Fenwick, Hyattsville; Edward H. Fletcher, Beltsville; Joseph Henry Ford, Landover, R. F. D. No.1; Ernest O. Garner, Naylor; Thomas Edward Hawkins, Tippett; Frank Holmes, Laurel; Charles F. Humtemann, Mt. Rainier; Milton E. Hartman, Station H, Washington; Robert Jones,

Congress Heights, R. F. D.; William Lee, Upper Marlboro; Essel Monshuer Maxwell, Lanham; Clarence McCausland, Berwyn; Enoch P. C. C. Magruder, Washington; Lee Earle Merson, Laurel; Clara M. Ogren, Mt. Ranier; Isaac Parker, Mitchelleville; James Francis Quisenberry, Hyattsville; Curtis L. Rusk, Rosecroft; Theodore Rochester, Seat Pleasant; Harry Preston Robinson, Hyattsville; John Henry Seaburn, Brentwood; Albert Smith, Brandywine; Maurice Benjamin Snyder, Washington; John A. Sprigg, Forestville; Kenneth Pearce Strawn, Landover; Pierre C. Stevens, Berwyn; William A. Tayman, Croom; Elmer Thomas, Charlotte Hall; Herbert Page Tolson, Stafford Store, Va.; Elsie Ellis Turner, Seat Pleasant; Walter Ernest Tolson, Westwood; Herman Winter, Laurel; Herbert J. White, College Park; Edward Shoults, Riverdale.

EXHIBIT 18

THE WASHINGTON POST (1923-1954)
MAY 31, 1927
PROQUEST HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS:
THE WASHINGTON POST (1877-1997)
pg. 2

PRINCE GEORGES DEAD HONORED BY CITIZENS

Parade Held at Hyattsville and Exercises at Cross in Bladensburg.

ROLL OF HONOR IS READ

Princes Georges county celebrated Memorial Day yesterday with a parade from the National Guard Armory at Hyattsville along the Washington-Baltimore boulevard to the Prince Georges County World War Memorial Cross at Bladensburg, where services were held under the auspices of the Snyder-Farmer Post. No. 3, American Legion, of Hyattsville.

Clifford L. Johnson. president of the Greater Bladensburg District Citizens Association, was the principal speaker. Others who spoke included Orion R. Butler, commander of the Snyder-Farmer Post; Mrs. Bradley Snyder, mother of one of the heroes for

whom the post is named, and C. L. Aiello, past commander of the post.

V. Allen Ratcliffe, post adjutant, read the roll of honor which contains 52 names. The Drum and Bugle Corps of the Victory Post, No. 4, American Legion of Washington, played patriotic music. Taps was sounded by two members of this corps.

Post Commander Butler led the parade to the World War Memorial Cross. Chief of Police Robert C. Gallagher represented the Hyattsville Police Department. Others who participated in the parade were the Snyder-Farmer Post and Auxiliary, the fire departments from Hyattsville, Bladensburg and surrounding communities; Company F of the First Infantry, Maryland National Guard of Hyattsville, and veterans of the Civil War and the, Spanish-American War.

In other communities of Prince Georges county Memorial Day was celebrated with exercises, followed by sports.

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BRUCE LAUDS HEROES AT BLADENSBURG RITES

Mother of Bradley Snyder Places Wreath on Town's Memorial Cross.

VETERANS HOLD PARADE

Prince Georges County yesterday paid tribute to its war dead at exercises at the foot of the Memorial Cross in Bladensburg, where United States Senator William Cabell Bruce lauded the service rendered by men from the county in the late World War.

The exercises were sponsored by the Snyder-Farmer Post, of Hyattsville's American Legion, and were featured by the placement of a wreath by Mrs. Bradley M. Snyder, mother of Maurice Snyder, one of the county's World War dead for whom Snyder-Farmer Post is named.

A parade preceded the ceremonies at the cross. Forming at the National Guard Armory in Hyattsville. the procession, including mayors and officials of county communities, volunteer firemen from surrounding territories, war veterans, National

Guardsmen and fraternal and civic organizations, moved along the Washington boulevard to Bladensburg.

Speakers at the cross included Wallace Williams, legion commander of the Department of Maryland; John A Johnson, commander of Snyder-Farmer Post, and Mrs. Eleanor C. Wagner, president of the Snyder-Farmer Post ladies auxilitary. Invocation was by the Rev. Andrew J. Carey, pastor of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Hyattsville, and benediction was by the Rev. B. P. Robertson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Hyattsville.

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EXERCISES PLANNED AT MEMORIAL GROSS

Parade Will Precede Program For Prince Georges at Bladensburg.

PALMIST AGAIN IN COURT

Memorial Day exercises will be, held at the Prince Georges County World War Memorial Cross, at Bladensburg, Md., this morning at 11 o'clock, following a parade of official and patriotic bodies of the county from the National Guard Armory at Hyattsville. The exercises will be under the auspices of Snyder-Farmer Post, No. 3, American Legion.

The marchers will be escorted by a detail of Maryland State police and will include the mayors and members of the common councils of Hyattsville and Riverdale, the town commissioners of Bladensburg and Company F, First Infantry, Maryland National Guard.

Others who will be in the line of march are the Boys Independent Band of Washington, members of

the volunteer fire departments of the county, members of Snyder-Farmer Post and its Ladies Auxiliary, veterans of other wars in which the United States has participated and Boy Scouts of the community.

When the procession arrives at the cross addresses will be made by Prof. Charles S. Richardson, of the University of Maryland; Harold C. Smith, commander of the Department of Maryland American Legion; Dr. Robert W. McCullough, commander of Snyder-Farmer Post, and Miss Marion B. Snyder, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, who will place a wreath upon the cross. The Rev. Morris W. Derr, rector of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Parish of Bladensburg, and the Rev. J. E. Malloy, pastor of St. James Catholic Church, Mount Ranier, will offer prayers.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the ceremonies is composed of C. W. Walzl, chairman; Dr. Robert W. McCullough, Caesar L. Aiello and Orion W. Butler.

John C. Palmer, 72 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Etta Lee Palmer, a Washington Palmist, yesterday played a return engagement in Hyattsville branch of the Prince Georges County Police Court in their dialogue number, entitled "Domestic Strife."

Last week the wife charged the husband with pouring hot coffee on her and breaking glass on her arm in their barbecue establishment at Colmar Manor. Judge J. Chew Sheriff dismissed the charges when the husband claimed that the wife had told him he could not drink the coffee and tried to take it away from him, getting scalded in the course of the altercation.

Yesterday the husband charged that the wife had assaulted him, broken his glasses and scratched his face when they returned to their home after the court trial last week. The wife declared that he had started the argument and that she acted in self-defense. She charged that he had threatened him with a pocketknife. In dismissing the case, Judge Sheriff remarked that it was a pity the couple could not agree.

C. L. Stack, Hyattsville, was fined $5 for disorderly conduct by Judge Sheriff on complaint of State Policeman Beaseman. The policeman said that Stack became abusive when he chided him for a slight traffic offense. Judge Sheriff remarked that this was the first time in his memory that a State policeman had preferred such a charge and that it appeared to him that there must be grave cause or it would not have been preferred. Stock charged that the policeman handled him roughly.

For the second time in two months the car of Sheriff Charles S. Early of Prince Georges County, overturned yesterday on the southern Maryland pike, near the District line. Adolph Meinhard, who was driving the car was bruised and cut but otherwise not injured. He said that he turned aside to allow a truck to pass when the steering gear refused to function and the car ran onto a bank and overturned.

Nearly two months ago, the same car was nearly wrecked when it overturned at Bethesda, following a near collision. The son of the sheriff was driving at the time, and Mrs. Early was badly injured.

Memorial Day exercises will be held today in the county schools in accordance with the recently promulgated State law which requires patriotic exercises on that day. Practically all of the county offices will be closed.

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WAR DEAD HONORED BY PRINCE GEORGES

Principal Exercises Held at Bladensburg Memorial Peace Cross.

SCHOOLS IN BRIEF SESSION

Prince Georges County honored its hero dead yesterday with memorial exercises at the various cemeteries and schools of the county.

The principal exercises were held at the Bladensburg war memorial peace cross under the auspices of the Snyder-Farmer Post, American Legion. Prof. Charles S. Richardson, of the University of Mary-

land, was principal speaker. Remarks were made by Harold C. Smith, of Rockville, Commander of the department of Maryland; Miss Marion B. Snyder, president of the Snyder-Farmer Post Auxiliary, and Dr. Robert W. McCullough, commander of Snyder-Farmer Post.

A wreath was placed on the monument by Mrs. Bradley Snyder, mother of one of the soldiers who gave their lives in the World War, and for whom the post is named. Prayers were offered by the Rev. Morris W. Derr, rector of the St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Parish. Musical numbers were furnished by the Washington Boys' Independent Band.

The ceremonies at the monument were preceded by a parade which started (at the National Guard Armory in Hyattsville. A detail of mounted Maryland State police headed the parade, followed by the Boys' Independent Band.

Then came the mayors and members of the town councils of Hyattsville and Riverdale and the town commissioners of Bladensburg. Company F, First Infantry, Maryland National Guard, of Hyattsville, members of the Snyder-Farmer Post and auxiliary, volunteer fire departments of the various towns near Hyattsville, Boy Scouts, veterans of other wars of the United States, and other groups completed the personnel of the parade.

C. W. Walzl, vice commander of the Snyder-Farmer Post, was chairman of the committee in charge of the services. He was assisted by Dr. McCullough, Caesar L. Aiello and Orion W. Butler.

The public schools of the county held patriotic exercises in the morning and then dismissed classes. Heretofore it has been the custom to give a holiday

on Decoration Day but a law was passed at the last session of the Legislature requiring that patriotic exercises be held in the schools of Maryland.

The county offices were closed and most of the business houses of the county followed suit. Banks were closed.

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Head of Church Army Will Be Preacher Here

The special preacher at the Peace Cross services for the first three Sundays in August will be Capt. Frank B. Mountford, head of the Church Army in the United States and one of the outstanding lay evangelists in this country.

Capt. Mountford has several times assisted in conducting confedrences on evangelism at the College of Preachers of Washington Cathedral and also has served as leader of special missions in this city. He has had experience both in England and America in wayside evangelism and in stimulating the congregations to join heartily in the hymns and other portions of the service.

Chevy Chase Announces Preachers for August

During August the Rev. Edward O. Clark, pastor of Chevy Chase Baptist Church will be away on his vacation, a portion of which will be spent attending the general conference at Northfield, Mass. During his absence the pulpit will be supplied by the following ministers: August 2, the Rev. B. M. Osgood, of Rockville, Md.; August 9, the Rev. F. F. Leonard, Baltimore, Md.; August 16, the Rev. Oliver C. Horsman, Erie, Pa.; August 23 and 30, the Rev. C. Marshall Muir, Van Wert, Ohio.

Boys Training School Will Hear Capt. Stacy

The religious work department of the Y. M. C. A. will have charge of the meeting at the National Training School for Boys, on Bladensburg road, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Capt. J. K. Stacy, who has been in the Indian field for twenty years, will speak to the boys on "The Influence of the Gospel Among the Indians." R. L. Gilby, of the Y. M. C. A., will lead the singing, Louis B. Nichols, associate religious work director, will preside.

'Scared Preacher' Theme At Georgetown Church

The Rev. Harold E. Beatty, minister of historic old Georgetown Lutheran Church, as a unique theme for his night sermon tomorrow. He has entitled it "A Scared Preacher." This is a Bible character, of course, for Mr. Beatty goes to the Bible for all his themes. But whether it was a prophet or one of the apostles will not be told until the preacher gives out his text.

Church of the Brethren Board to Meet Here

The religious education board of the Church of the Brethren for the District will hold a two-day meeting at the Washington City Church of the Brethren Monday and Tuesday. On the first evening the program will be devoted to the work of the young people, and on Tuesday a general program will be carried out.

The Rev. Minor Miller, director of the religious education of this denomination in Virginia, will be one of the chief speakers.

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Dirksen to Spead At Memorial Rites

An address by Representative Everett M. Dirksen, of Illinois, will feature the Memorial Day exercises of Snyder-Farmer Post, No. 3, American Legion, in the National Guard Armory at Hyattsville, May 30. Mrs. Bradley M. Snyder, of Washington, mother of one of the men for whom Snyder-Farmer Post is named, will place a wreath on the World War Memorial Cross at Bladensburg.

A parade from the cross to the armory will follow.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hyattsville, the Exchange ,Club of Prince Georges County, and Company F. National Guard, of Hyattsville, various volunteer fire departments, citizens' associations, Boy and Girl Scouts, school children and the Young Men's Democratic Club of Prince Georges County, will participate.

Tyler M. Birch is chairman. of the committee in charge. Other committeemen are James W. Rogers, Dr. Robert W. McCullough and John A. Johnson, appointed by E. J. Cannon, post commander.

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Legion Will Direct Rites in Hyattsville

Memorial Day exercises of Snyder-Farmer, Post No. 3, American Legion, of Prince Georges County, will be held today in the Hyattsville National Guard Armory. Representative Everett M. Dirken, of the Sixteenth Illinois District, will speak. Prior to the exercises Mrs. Bradley M. Snyder, of Washington, mother of one of the men for whom Snyder-Farmer Post is named, will place a wreath on the World War Memorial Cross, at Bladensburg.

Among those groups participating will be the Chamber of Commerce of Hyattsville, the Exchange Club of Prince Georges County, the Young Men's Democratic Club, of the county; Company F. National Guard, of Hyattsville; Boy and Girl Scouts, school children, the various volunteer fire departments and citizens' associations.

Members of the committee in charge of the Memorial Day program are Tyler M. Birch, James W. Rogers, Dr. Robert W. McCullough and John A. Johnson. Committee appointments were made by E. J. Cannon, post commander.

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MEMORIAL DAY THRONG TO HEAR SUMNER WELLES

Assistant Secretary of State to Be Speaker at Upper Marlboro.

Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, will join with other prominent residents of Prince Georges County today in paying tribute to those who died for the American cause.

Mr. Welles, a resident of Oxon Hill, Md., will address the annual Memorial Day exercises at Upper Marlboro, Judge Joseph C. Mattingly, of the circuit court, also of Oxon Hill, will be the principal speaker at exercises to be held at Hyattsville.

The first of the ceremonies will begin at the Hyattsville National Guary Armory at 10:00 a. m. under the sponsorship of the Snyder-Farmer Post No. 3, cooperating with Cheverly and Mount Ranier posts.

Sidney F. Wentworth, commander of the Snyder-Farmer post, will introduce the guests. Lawrence Smoot, vice commander of the State Department for the southern Maryland district; Caesar L. Aiello, of

Hyattsville, past commander of the State department, and other legion leaders will be present.

At the close of the exercises at the armory, a parade will form on the Baltimore boulevard and proceed to the World War Memorial Cross at Bladensburg. The parade will be composed of war veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, volunteer fire departments, the National Training School Boys Band and other units.

Following a roll call of the deceased veterans, a wreath will be laid at the cross by Mrs. Bradley Snyder, mother of Maurice Snyder, one of the men for whom the Snyder-Farmer Post is named. Wreaths also will be placed by the county Kiwanians and other organizations.

A salute will be fired by a squad from Company F. National Guard of Hyattsville. Taps will be sounded. Members of the legion posts will place wreaths on graves of their comrades both in Arlington Cemetery and local cemeteries.

The exercises at Upper Marlboro, held annually by the Strawn-Turner Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Seat Pleasant, Md., are scheduled to begin at 11 a. m. Assisting the Seat Pleasant post will be the John Millard Post, No. 1,800, of Indian Head, Md.; the Takoma Park Post, No. 350, and the Corporal Milton E. Hartman Post, No. 2,562, of Bradbury Heights, Md.

The women's auxiliaries of each of the posts, both for the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Upper Marlboro and for the American Legion ceremonies at Hyattsville, will be present.

After a concert by the Thirty-fourth Infantry Band from Fort Meade, a parade will form at the Crain

Memorial on the outskirts of Upper Marlboro. A police escort, grand marshal, the Thirty-fourth Military Band, the veterans' organizations, the women's auxiliaries, school children and civic organizations will form the parade.

The group will parade up the main street of the town to the court house lawn, where the exercises will be opened with the band playing "Maryland, My Maryland." The invocation will be given by the Rev. Allen B. Fisher, of the Forestville (Md.) Methodist Episcopal Church.

The memorial order will be read by Sumner L. Morris, past commander of Post 1,627. "Lead Kindly Light" will be played, E. F. Roberson, of the Strawn-Turner Post, will introduce the guests.

Mr. Welles' address will be followed by a selection to be played by the band. Other speakers to follow in order will be Senator Lansdale G. Sasscer, president of the Maryland Senate; Delegate Charles C. Marbury and Maj. Harvey L. Miller.

A ritual service to follow the speaking will include the playing of "Nearer, My God to Thee" by the band, and the benediction by Mr. Allen. A reception for the guests will conclude the day.

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4 Memorial Rites Set in Prince Georges

Several Prince Georges communities, Hyattsville, Bladensburg, University Park and Beltsville plan to observe Memorial Day with fitting public exercises.

Under auspices of the Snyder-Farmer-Butler Post No. 3, American Legion of Hyattsville, memorial services will be held May 30, at 7 p. m., with a parade starting from the Hyattsville Armory and ending at the Memorial Cross at Bladensburg, where rites will be held at the honor tablet nearby. In the parade will be war veterans and State Guard companies of the area. The service at the Memorial Cross will start at 7:30, with no speaking, and the program confined to Legion rituals. Roll call for the dead of World War I will be held at the cross and for those of the current war at the honor tablet. A firing squad will sound volleys and a bugler will blow taps.

In Beltsville, at 7:30 Wednesday evening, a service will be held at the site of the honor roll on the Baltimore-Washington boulevard. The ceremony will be in memory of citizens of the Vansville District who gave their lives in service of the country during the present war. The program will include singing by

school children, speaking, flag-raising and the placing of a wreath for the honored dead.

At University Park a service flag in honor of service men and women of the locality will be unveiled Wednesday at 11 a. m. in the triangle at Sheridan st. and Queens Chappel rd. The flag is the offering of the University Park Women's Club as its particular tribute to the section's representatives in the armed forces. An address will be delivered by Chaplain L. E. Harrell, Girl and Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Brownies and Cubs will participate in the program.

Bankers Honor Sherwood

J. Robert Sherwood, treasurer of the Prince Georges Bank & Trust Co., has been elected chairman of Group Four of the Maryland Bankers Association, it was announced following a meeting this week in Marlboro of more than 100 bankers from Southern Maryland.

Other Group Four officers elected are Dennis J. Thompson, Annapolis, vice chairman; Leo J. Naughton, Seat Pleasant, secretary-treasurer, and J. Frank Dent, Clinton, member of the committee of administration.

Lions Nominate Officers

Officers for the coming year have been nominated by the Hyattsville Lions Club, it was announced last night. Elections are scheduled for the second Tuesday in June, next regular meeting of the group.

For president, Einar Mortenson; vice president, C. F. Orton, John Clarke, Ted Dent; secretary-treasurer, Leslie Reeley; directors, Harry Warfel; Everett Staley, Harry Hazelhurst and Walter V. Hurley.

Hospital Plants Asked

Mrs. Octave Bigoness, chairman of gardens and flowers committee of the Camp and Hospital Council, American Red Cross, last night issued an appeal to Prince Georgeans for shrubbery and other plants for the hospital at Camp Andrews.

She said the grounds are being improved and plants are urgently needed to beautify them. Contributors are asked to call WA. 1175.

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PLAN TO REZONE AREA NEAR CROSS STIRS PROTEST

Maryland Plan Board Delays Rule on Gas Station Plea.

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission last night held in abeyance any decision as to rezoning property adjacent to the memorial cross at Bladensburg.

Several score of persons appeared before the commission at a hearing on a petition to permit establishment of a gasoline service station on property held by the heirs of the William P. Casey estate.

Mrs. Rudolph H. Allen, of College Park, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, who led the opposition, declared the filling station would mar the beauty of the cross. She declared the proposal was "disgraceful" and urged the property be acquired

by public subscription to prevent commercialization of the area in future.

Mrs. S. H. Moyer, chairman of the division of war veterans of the federation; Mrs. Viola Walzl, vice president of State auxiliary of the American Legion, and Caesar L. Aiello, past commander of the Maryland department of the legion, also expressed vigorous opposition.

John S. White, a member of the Prince Georges delegation to the General Assembly, suggested the State roads commission condemn the property at a reasonable value and turn it over to Snyder-Farmer Post of the legion. Mr. White, however, said he would introduce a bill to make this possible only if the Casey heirs hold an unclouded title.

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NICE OPPOSING 'CROSS' STATION

Asks State Commission to Avert 'Desecration' of Memorial Site.

Gov. Harry W. Nice .has asked the Maryland State roads commission to take action to prevent the "desecration" of the Memorial Cross at Bladensburg by proposed erection of a service station on the property, according to a letter received yesterday by former State Senator Oliver Metzerott, of Prince Georges County.

Owners of property adjoining the cross have petitioned the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to rezone their land as "commercial" instead of "residential," in order to permit the building of a service station.

A public hearing held recently at Hyattsville aroused opposition of civic and service organizations to the request. Several plans were advanced for acquiring of the land by the State, one being the raising of funds by popular subscription.

Metzerott has suggested to the Governor that the State roads commission condemn the property and take it over as part of the State road system. He pointed out that an obstruction to, traffic would result in event a building were erected on the property.

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WONDER DRUG SOUGHT IN SOIL NEAR SHRINE

AID SEARCH FOR WONDER DRUGS—Frank B. Stewart, left, and Dr. Frank L. Bentz, Extension soil specialist at the University of Maryland, take an alluvial soil sample near the Peace Cross in Bladensburg. Research scientists. are testing the sample in their quest for new life-saving wonder drugs such as aureomycin.

BLADENSBURG — Samples of soil were gathered this week near Peace Cross, familiar landmark on the approaches to the nation's capital, in the latest phase of science's world-wide search for the next wonder drug.

The samples were taken by Dr. Frank L. Bentz of the University of Maryland's Department of Agronomy, and Frank B. Stewart, a graduate student in soils at the university. The earth samples have been forwarded to Pearl River, N. Y., where they are now under-going tests at Lederle Laboratories to determine if they may contain new antibiotic molds such as produced aureormycin.

The Peace Cross, an American Legion memorial to heroes of World War I, stands in Bladensburg, at the juncture of highway Routes 1 and 50.

While there are no reliable formula's for predicting whether soils from Peace Cross, or any other given area, are certain to produce antibiotic molds, 'scientists are interested in these particular samples because they represent a distinct type. And all types of soil are being tested in the world-wide search for new wonder drugs.

Only a few years ago, another tiny sample of earth from Missouri was received by the Pearl River scientists, who processed it just as they had tested thousands of earlier samples in their search for a new antibiotic.

But from this soil an interesting golden mold appeared. Test tube experiments produced startling results. The new mold effectively prevented the growth of staphylococci, streptococci, and a variety of rod-shaped germs called bacilli. The latter property was most significant, for it acted against a wide variety of diseases in humans and animals.

The golden mold, aureomycin, has saved thousands upon thousands of lives since it became available to the public in 1948.

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ELABORATE KLAN CEREMONY AT ALLEN CHASE'S FUNERAL

Assemblage of 200 Witness Rites of "Fiery Cross" Burial of Special Officer Who Died as Result Of Wounds Received in Raid.

Allen M. Chase, of Hyattsville, Md., the special officer who died Friday morning of wounds received in a raid on an illicit still in Maryland, was given a Ku Klux Klan funeral yesterday afternoon at Fort Lincoln cemetery in Bladensburg road.

Services were held first in the chapel of Gasch's Sons, undertakers of Hyattsville, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. After that the members of District of Columbia Klan, No. 1, the Ballston, Va., Alexandria, Va., Capitol Heights and Hyattsville Klans, to the number of 400, marched beside the hearse the entire distance to the cemetery. They were fully robed and word hoods.

Despite the weather 200 persons other than Klansmen stayed for the ceremonies.

Upon reaching the grave the Klansmen according to their different organizations formed a square around the grave with the spectators on the outside. The exalted cyclops and king kleagle of, the Maryland Klan stood beside the grave with the Rev. C. H. Cannon, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church South of Hyattsville, who read the church service.

The casket was taken from the hearse and carried to the grave through an archway formed by the two large American flags which had been carried at the head of the march from Hyattsville. At this time the command "Klansmen" was given and all in the square raised their left hands toward the skies. Then the Klan Glee club sang the "Fiery Cross." The survivors of the deceased sat under an awning beside the grave.

Dr. Cannon then pronounced the church prayers, after which the Maryland exalted cyclops read the Klan's eulogy, beginning "He was a Klansman and practiced klanishness." He was followed by the king kleagle who read a prayer and invoked the assembled Klansmen to renew their purpose. The glee club again sang. Then after a moment of silent prayer all of the Klansmen, led by two carrying American flags, filed past the grave and disbanded.

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NEWS FROM SUBURBS OF CAPITAL

HYATTSVILLE.

Delegates from the various communities in the sanitary district have been invited by T. Howard Duckett chairman of the Washington suburban sanitary commission, to meet him next Wednesday in the commission's office in Washington to discuss the increased water and sewer assessments levied by the commission.

The commission, it is understood, holds the increases in its assessments is due to the unprecedented growth and spread of population within the sanitary district which has necessitated from time to time the expenditure of large sums and the incurring of liabilities in the construction of trunk line sewers and water mains necessary to reinforce and augment the existing system in order to protect the public health and maintain the efficiency of these water and sewer systems.

At the last meeting of the mayor and town council here the council was asked by a number of citizens to investigate this increase in the commission's assessments and the council voted to appoint a committee headed by Councilman Lemauel L. Gray to ask the cooperation of neighboring communities in the

sanitary district in taking up the matter with the commission.

It is announced by the Hyattsville High school building committee that the board of county commissions has voted to turn over to the committee $6,250 to be used in equipping the high school addition here now under construction. This it is said, is in lieu of the premium on the $125,000 bonds recently issued for the local building. This premium has been used in the erection of the new school at Bladensburg.

The congregation of the First Baptist church gave a reception in honor of their new pastor, Dr. B. P. Robertson, Tuesday evening at the church. Mayor Irwin Owings extended a welcome on behalf of the town.

The church is erecting an eight-room bungalow for the pastor.

This morning Dr. Robertson will preach on "The Fatherly Care of God for His Children," and in the evening on "Christian Baptism." A number of candidates will be baptized.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from the various lodges in Prince Georges County will attend the dedication of the Odd Fellows' home at Frederick this afternoon. The home is for indigent members and orphans of members of the order.

BLADENSBURG.

The newly organized woman's auxiliary of the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire department is planning its part in the carnival to be held on the school grounds here the evenings of August 4 and 5 to raise funds to buy a lot and erect a home for the fire apparatus.

At a special meeting of the auxiliary called by Mrs. Corinne Lohman, president, committees were named as follows: Punch. Mrs. Cora Clarke, Louise Cobb; cakes., Mesdames W. R. Beautie. G. H. Harris, Charles Downey, C. F. Flory: candy, Misses Susanne Kyner, Dorothy Flury. Christine Wildman; grab bag. Mrs. P. N. Norman; guest cake. Mrs. John B. Alsop, Mrs. Basil Pickett.

These new members were admitted to the auxiliary: Mesdaunes C. F. Flory, Charles Downey, W. R. Beattle and the Misses Dorothy Flory; and Dorothy Hollman. The auxiliary's next meeting will be held July 30.

Edmonston road which is being permanently improved from the Bladensburg school to Rabcock's store in East Riverdale has now opened in the Wells avenue and buses from Fifteenth and H streets northeast, Washington, are making trips to this point regularly. President terminal points in this section for the buses are the Memorial Cross at Bladensburg and Wells avenue.

Brentwood.

According to the audit of the books of the town treasurer and the town clerk of Brentwood submitted by H.W. Rausch and George A. Castle, comprising the auditing committee at the last meeting of the mayor and council, town assets are $2,104.79. Taxes received during the year ended June 30, were reported at $1,601.94 and total receipts, including the road rebate money form the county were $4,274.54.

A committee was named to represent Brentwood at the conference in the State roads commission office in Baltimore next Monday morning at 11 o'clock to consider various plans and estimates prepared by the

commission for elimination of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad grade crossing at Hyattsville.

Councilman W.F. Keys chairman of the road committee during the past year, reported work had been done on practically every street, including cleaning of gutters on the principal thoroughfares. The cost of this work totaled $1,127.

Keys now chairman of the electric lights committee was authorized to proceed with the installation of six new street lights to be placed by the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Hereafter meetings of the mayor and council will be held on the second and fourth Mondays in each month in the office of Helm & Green, Wells avenue and Campbell street.

Following the meeting at the town fathers were entertained at Fireman's hall by the Brentwood Woman's Citizens association, which was celebrating the first anniversary of its organization.

Music by the Elders Paramount orchestra and a sketch by the Imperial Stock Company, of Mount Rainer, presented by Mrs. Edna Pitts, Mrs. Anna Burroughs, Mrs. Elizabeth Henback and Mr. Pitts, were program numbers. Mr. Healy monologist, gave two selections and little Miss Rosalee Cole a recitation.

A birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Eva Kirkpatrick was enjoyed. Mrs. Ulu I. Castle, president of the association, reviewed achievements during the first year.

Mrs. Lulu L. Castle was reelected president of the association for the ensuing year. Other officers chosen are: Mrs. Torrey L. Wright, vice president;

Mrs. Olive McClure, treasure; Mrs. Nannie Wohlfarth, recording secretary (reelected); Mrs. Elisabeth Speake, corresponding secretary.

RIVERDALE.

Officers have been elected by the East Riverdale Citizens association as follows: Thomas S. Connelly, president; M. M. Moran, vice president, Frank Kaufman, treasurer; A. McCord, financial secretary and Roy Krimm, recording secretary.

Possibility of opening a branch of the Riverdale post office was discussed at the last meeting of the association.

The association is now considering erection of a community building to house fire apparatus, with an assembly hall on the second floor.

W. D. Knessi and Kenneth McRae have been named to represent the Riverdale Citizens association at the conference to be held Monday in Baltimore to consider plans for the elimination of the grade crossing at Hyattsville.

A picnic was held yesterday afternoon by the woman's club of Riverdale in the woods back of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Reinohl on Calvert street west.

Building permits issued through the office of Herbert Roby, show that in the year ended July 1, 104 construction jobs were done aggregating $128,225.

Five applicants are expected to present themselves next Thursday morning at the new office of the home demonstration agent in Hyattsville to undergo the examination for the scholarship to be awarded by the Prince George's Country Federation of Women's Clubs to a young woman of the county in the State

Normal school at Towson or the University of Maryland. The examination will be given under the direction of Dr. Frederic E. Lee, executive dean of the University of Maryland.

UPPER MARLBORO.

Gov. Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland will attend the carnival to be given in Upper Marlboro, Wednesday for the fire department. L. B. Howland, principal of the Upper Marlboro High school, is general chairman in charge.

LANDOVER.

The monthly meeting of the Landover Community club was held recently at the home of Mrs. James Rea.

The county hospital suggested by Prince Georges County Federation of Women's Clubs, was discussed.

Miss Blanche Clark, newly appointed home demonstration agent, was a guest.

A lawn party will be given by the club August 19 on the lawn of the Catholic church here.

Mellam Rea was married June 20 to Miss Elsie Melvin, a former teacher in the Landover school, and Mr. T. R. Henault, secretary to the county board of education, was married June 21 to Mrs. Gladys Miller Radcliffe, of Oxon Hill.

ROCKVILLE.

Montgomery county is entitled to scholarships at Western Maryland college, Westminster; Washington college, Chestertown and Blue Ridge college, New Windsor, and as a preliminary to awarding such scholarships, the county board of education will hold

competitive examinations in Rockville the morning of August 5.

There are two vacancies at Western Maryland one for a boy and one for a girl, and at each of the other institutions there is a vacancy for a boy. The scholarships are for four years and carry with them free board and tuition.

The Silver Spring volunteer fire department will hold its tenth annual carnival on the estate of, former United States Senator Blair Lee, at Georgia avenue and Blair road from Tuesday to Saturday.

The fifty-third annual camp meeting at Washington Grove, Montgomery county began Thursday evening to continue through next Sunday. Dr. George W. Cooke, noted evangelist of Castile, N.Y. is in charge. Miss Mabel Merkle, district deaconess has charge of the daily Bible school for young people.

Montgomery county clubwomen who have contributed much toward the success of recent Rockville fairs, are manifesting lively interest in the fair to be held August 24, 26, 27 and 28.

Mrs. George M. Huntor of Rockville has been made chairman of the committee in charge of the women's section, and her associates on the committee include Mrs. Charles G. Holland and Mrs. James H. Jones, of Rockville; Mrs. W. Randolph of Poolesville; Mrs. Lawrence A. Chiswell, of Dickerson; Mrs. Mary F. Boland of Germantown; Mrs. Lawrence Allnutt of Dawsonville; Mrs. Josiah W. Jones of Olney; Mrs. Clarence L. Gilpin of Sandy Spring; Mrs. William B. Mobley of Laytonsville, Mrs. George F. Hane of Bethesda and Mrs. Thomas D. Grith of Rockville.

Upper Marlboro.

The Prince Georges county board of education received an application from Ambrose Clay, a graduate of Hyattsville High school for a scholarship to St. John's college, Annapolis.

Mrs. C. A. Colvin resigned as trustee of the Riverdale school and Mrs. Bernice Saulsbury was named in her stead.

T. Howard Duckett, chairman of Washington suburban sanitary commission having resigned as a trustee of the Bladensburg school. Clifford L. Johnson was named in his place.

The board of education passed an order to sell the old Berwyn Heights school property to the first person offering $500 cash.

The Women's club of Brandywine, Prince Georges County, Wednesday attended a meeting of the Women's federation at the home of Mrs. Bohanna in Charles County.

Mrs. E. N. Cory, president, Women's club of Melwood district has completed her list of chairmen as follows: American citizenship, Mrs. William S. Hill; education, Mrs. L. G. Sasscer; press and publicity, Mrs. Fred Binger; fine arts, Mrs. Cranford; American home, Mrs. Helen Dove; legislative and international relations, Mrs. John Ridgely; ways and means, Mrs. John Traband; scholarship and endowment fund, Mrs. S. Tayman.

Lanham.

The Sturdy club of Lanham held its July meeting at the home of Mrs. Richard Webherill, who entertained the members and guests at luncheon with the first presentation of the picture, "Poor Mr. Jones."

This picture showed the advantages of home life in the country.

Frank Beall, of Baltimore, grand dragon of Maryland Klan and other high officials of the hooded order in this section will speak in connection with the invitational meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, to be held at Lanham Wednesday evening. Robed Klansmen will direct persons desiring to attend from the peace cross at Bladensburg to the fiery cross at Lanham. Addresses will be made by prominent women members of the Klan as well as those engaged in organizing boys and girls orders.

EDMONSTON.

At a joint meeting of the old and incoming mayor and common council held at the home of Mayor B. M. Mcquin Friday evening, it developed that on July 1 there was exactly 24 cents in the town treasury. Nobody seemed able to tell where this money came from, but it was assumed that the citizens' association or woman's club donated it. Receipts from the July 4 celebration were $250.73, and donations to maintain the electric light system during the year, or from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, aggregated $342.14.

Mayor McQuin in his farewell address, promised his earnest support to the new and future administrations.

Newton A. James took the oath of office as mayor, the oath being administered by Notary Public Carroll Lewis. Town Marshal L. C. Watts resigned, having removed to Hyattsville, and his successor will be named at the next meeting of the town fathers.

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NEWS FROM SUBURBS OF CAPITAL

BRENTWOOD.

The Automotive General Service Company has been induced to locate its place of business in Brentwood having been granted certain concessions at a "special meeting of the mayor and council for a garage and gasoline filing station.

The next meeting of the mayor and council will be held tomorrow evening, at which time the matter of appointing a councilman for the Fourth ward will be taken up. There will also be brought up the matter of appointing one of the councilmen to act with appointees from Mt. Rainer, Cottage City and Colmar Manor as a committee to discuss the question of the feasibility of incorporating the several towns into one.

It is felt by many that the time is now ripe to bring this question up again, as the advisability of consolidating Mt. Rainer and contiguous towns into one corporation is being looked upon more favorably than ever before.

The Brentwood committee appointed by Mr. J. Enos Ray, chairman of the American Legion endowment fund committee for Prince Georges county, at

its meeting Monday evening, apportioned the town to members of the committee for soliciting contributions for the fund for a national home for disabled veterans, widows and orphans of the war. All contributions are to be in the hands of Mrs. E. H. Roberts chairman of the Brentwood committee by Tuesday evening, at which time the committee meets again in the office of the Brentwood Realty Company. On the following evening at the same place will be held an executive meeting of the Association of Volunteer Firemen of Prince Georges County. The department has received advice from the Washington suburban sanitary commission that a fire hydrant will be placed on Charles street, near Williams street, where it is greatly needed.

Brentwood is about to lose two citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Furniss, as they have bought a residence is Woodridge, D.C.

The office of Town Clerk E. W. Baker is now located at Wells avenue and Campbell street.

TAKOMA PARK.

The Community league met Monday evening in the basement of the Presbyterian church, where matters relating to the schools were discussed by association members and guest school principals. Other subjects of public interest also claimed attention.

The Civic Study club, Mrs. G. Albert Scott, president, held the first club meeting for the 1925 -1926 club season a Takoma theater last Tuesday. At this meeting Miss Peggla Alhion gave an instructive talk, while R. Dean Shura played his new organ suite. "Through Palestine." Consisting of the following numbers: "By the Pool of Bethesda," "By the Sea of

Galilee," "Mount Hermon," and "In the Garden of Gethsemane."

Mr. and Mrs. James MacEuen last Sunday attended the services of Trinity Presbyterian church, Harrisburg, Pa., at which time their son, Rev. Thomas MacEuen, was installed as pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Livingston are in Georgia.

Mrs. James Dennis and daughter, Katherine, who have been on tour three months in the West, have returned.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hickman expect to leave the middle of this month for Florida. They will establish their home near Tampa.

Mrs. Wm. Stuart entertained the Five Hundred Club at luncheon. Members present included Mesdames Dantzig, Dyar Hobart, Jackson, Marshall, Metcalf, Miller, Nelson, Pierce, Stuart, Duncan Stuart, and Scott.

Mr. H.L. Jones and daughter, Bernice, are vising Mrs. Jones' mother, who lives in Kentucky.

Mrs. H. Pittinger was in charge of an interesting James Whitcomb Riley anniversary concert, which was given in the Baptist church last Friday for the benefit of the Ladies Aid.

The regular meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid will be held October 14 at the home of Mrs. Duncan Stuart, Cedar avenue. Members will sew for the bazar.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Young, 6706 Fifth Street, left last Tuesday for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Young's brother in Philadelphia.

WOODSIDE.

Local exhibitors at the recent Takoma Park dablia show, include Mr. Edwin C. Powell (private exhibition) and Mrs. G. M. Wolf (commercial exhibit).

Mrs. H. R. Grin of Frederick, Md., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carpenter.

Capt. and Mrs. George Parkhurst, of Frederick, Md., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Stanley and daughter, were recent house guests of Mrs. J. H. Carpenter.

Mrs. Jones, after a month's visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nodder has returned to her home at Plymouth, Pa.

Among Woodside newcomers may be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Steward and Mr. and Mrs. J. Voskull. The first two families have bought homes in North Woodside, while Mr. and Mrs. Voskull have purchased the Irving N., Davidson residence on the Brookville pike.

Mrs. Paulinn Jones has returned home after a visit of several months in Richmond, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. James Benedict returned Monday from Tall Timers, Md.

The transportation committee of the Montgomery County Civic federation requested that the public service commission of Maryland grant the franchise for which the Washington Rapid Transit Co. has applied. This franchise, if granted would authorize he establishment of a through line of large buses (of the type now running on Sixteenth street) from Forest Glen to the Treasury building, via Alaska aven·e and Sixteenth street, with branch line from Sligo to Four Corners.

Mrs. Lucile Pierce, a new home owner, recently entertained friends and neighbors.

A special orchestra, consisting of the following personnel, will furnish special music tonight at the M. E. church; J. Edwin Lewis, violin; M. K. Peck, flute; C. W. Hake, clarinet; Richard Reinohl, cornet; D. G. Gottwals, trombone; with either Mrs. M. K. Peck or Mrs. J. Voskull at the piano.

SILVER SPRING.

The Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce has indorsed the application to the public service commission at Baltimore of Leon Arnold, president of the Washington Rapid Transit Co. for the establishment of a model bus system from Forest Glen to the Treasury building, with branch lines on Sligo and Colesville Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson arrived from Steubenville, Ohio, the first of the week. Mr. Johnson is a brother of Mrs. Ellis Snead.

Ralph Johnson and family hailing from New Hampshire, is established in a newly purchased home on Fenwick lane.

The Parent-Teacher association of Woodside school have elected Dr. L. M. Christie president.

Frank Hewitt has purchased the Harry C. Peacock farm of 65 acres, opposite the Indian Spring Golf club, for a reported consideration of $55,000.

Jack Christie was elected president and Jocelyn Johnson, secretary-treasurer at the recent election of the junior class of the Takoma Park-Silver Spring High school.

A card party will be held at Woodside school Wednesday evening for the benefit of the special school fund.

James J. Cissel has purchased a 7-acre tract of land at Four Corners from Wallace D. Blick and wife, for $35,000.

The Rev. Rowland Wagner began a two weeks' series of meetings last Sunday evening in the Dolan storeroom for the Baptist church, the Rev. Stephen Cunliffe, pastor.

ROCKVILLE.

With all ten branches well represented, the annual meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of Montgomery county was held Friday in Christ Episcopal church at Kensington. Morning and afternoon sessions were held, with Mrs. Archibald Small, of Silver Spring, presiding.

Following communion and the submission of reports from the various branches at the morning session, the Rev. Graham Leo, of the Episcopal Theological seminary at Alexandria, formerly of Hankow, China, delivered an address on missionary work in China. The feature of the afternoon session was an address by the Rev. William D. Everett, of Marshall, Va.

Officers were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. B. F. Wallace, of Bethesda; vice president, Mrs. Thomas P. Chiswell, of Poolesville; secretary-0reasurer, Miss Lula Bell, of Gaithersburg.

Among other clergymen in attendance in addition to those mentioned were the Rev. Thomas D. Windiate, Kensington; the Rev. James Kirkpatrick, Bethesda; the Rev. Clyde Brown, Woodside; the Rev.

Guy Kagey, Olney, the Rev. Henry T. Cocke, Chevy Chase and the Rev. C. S. Abbott, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Larcombe, of Rockville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise to Eugeno B. Van Voon, of Washington.

Announcement was made last week of the marriage at Harrisburg, Pa., October 8, of Miss Flormaine Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Fisher, of Rockville, and Rudolph M. Powell of Washington. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Daniel Carey, of Harrisburg.

The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Christian Endeavor union, which comprises the societies of the Kensington Presbyterian, Hyattstown Christian, Bethesda Presbyterian and Montgomery Methodist churches, was held in the Presbyterian hall at Kensington Friday evening.

Mrs. Catherine E. Seigler, wife of Franklin Seigler, Takoma Park has filed suit for a limited divorce in the circuit court in Rockville. The couple, according to the bill, were married in 1886 and have three grown children. Incompatibility of temperament and mental cruelty are charged by Mrs. Seigler.

The Rev. S. J. Goode, pastor of the Christian church, officiated at the marriage in Rockville during the week of Edward E. Gooding, of Washington, and Miss Mary E. Talbott, of allston, Va.; William C. Thrift and Miss Emma C. Weltzel, both of Washington, and Frank Turnburke and Miss Jennie P. Johnson, both of Washington.

Roger B. Farqhar celebrated his eight-eighth anniversary at his home. "Allencroft," at Sandy Spring, last Sunday.

UPPER MARLBORO.

The brand jury for this term of the circuit court for Prince Georges county which convened in Rockville Monday probably will finish its work by the middle of this week, according to State's Attorney Alan Bowie.

The second week's petit jury is to report Monday morning and the first week's petit jury October 19.

These cases have been disposed of: David S. Vewnezky and Grace B. Venezky vs. Clarence B. Farmer, verdict for Farmer for $89; Cornelia Unsworth and V. J. Unsworth vs. David S. Venezzky, administrator of Gussie B. Venezky, verdict of $55 damages for Venezky; Phillip G. Miller vs. W. P. Mumsford; verdict for $32.62 in favor of Mumsford.

The following jurors have been drawn by the court in place of those excused: Worthy G. Poo for B. F. Brandon; Arthur P. Owens for Morman F. Alsop; John R. Allen for Grover C. Millstead; Lewis Wootten for Edgar L. Roby; John Stephen for Henry M. Presley; H., A. Marsden for Guy S. Meloy; Walter A. Randall for Henry West; J. William Wachtor for John H. McCauley; Ernest A. Burslum for William P. Walton; James R. Atwel for Arthur P. Owens; J. Raymond Coombs for S. A. Marsden and J. Augnst Miller for William A. Jones.

At a recent meeting of the county board of education delegations favoring and opposing R. I. Mauning as principal of the Piscataway school appeared before the board. It was decided that the board could not abrogate its contract with Mr. Manning at this late date.

The board has ordered that a tuition scholarship to St. John's college, Annapolis, be awarded Ambrose Clay of Riverdale.

The board has accepted the resignation of William B. Morgan as trustee of Piscataway school and appointed W. D. Blandford his successor.

Miss Lucretia Higgins Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Carr, and Harry Moler were married last Saturday at St. Thomas' church, Croom. The Rev. Mr. Willies in the absence of the rector of the parish officiated. The Rev. Mr. Willies also officiated at the marriage of the bride's parents. Miss Margaret Carr was maid of honor and the best man was Mr. Little. Ushers were Stewart Carr, a brother of the bride and Maynard Carr, a cousin.

The Women's club of Melwood district held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. Frederick Binger.

HYATTSVILLE.

The letter issued by William C. Gray, chief of the Riverdale volunteer fire department, serving notice on the various departments in Prince Georges county that it is perfectly capable of taking care of its block and that, if at any time, it needs the assistance of departments outside of its block the chief or assistant chief of the Riverdale department will promptly call upon the other departments, has drawn somewhat caustic comment from E. B. McCann, publicly representative of the Hyattsville fire department.

The whole matter is expected to be aired at the next meeting of the advisory committee of the county firemen's association to be held at Brentwood Wednesday night.

Members of Ku Klux Klan, No. 2 of Hyattsville and a few Klansmen from other sections will attend services at the Memorial Methodist Episcopal church here tonight at 8 o'clock it is announced by Klan officials.

W. W. Maloney 3d son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Maloney 2d, of Hyattsville, recently accepted the position of executive vice president and director of the National Bank of Geneva, Geneva, N.Y.

Mr. Maloney received his early education in the Hyattsville public school, later attending the Business High school in Washington. For a number of years he was associated with the American Security * Trust CO., of Washington, leaving there to become a national bank examiner, which position he held until making his recent connection.

"The Parable of the Great Sup supper" will be the subject of the Rev. B. P. Robertson, pastor at the First Baptist church of Hyattsville this morning at 11 o'clock. At the evening service Dr. Robertson will discuss "The Attitudes of Jesus."

Dr. Robertson will conduct a special evangelistic service each night this week. The pastor will be assisted by Harold King of Washington, as song leader.

The First Presbyterian church of Hyattsville today will begin an intensive fall and winter campaign. The men's Bible class has been organized with V. K. Chesnut as resident and Prof. h. M. Proffitt as teacher. With a view to developing more interest in congressional music the church has engaged R. H. Harman, as leader. He will begin his work tomorrow.

Dr. Joseph M. Anderson, which is beginning his eight year as pastor will have the topic of his sermon tomorrow morning, "The Church and the World Crisis."

TUXEDO.

The Tuxedo Athletic association will present a three-act comedy "Won By Wireless," Friday at 8 o'clock in the Christian church at Tuxedo. Receipts will be divided between the association and the Christian Endeavor of the church.

The cast for the play comprises Catherine Just, Dixie Trather, Mrs. Benjamin Shaw, William E. Collis, Carl Just, Robert Buck and Lorenzo Bedorra.

RIVERDALE.

Funeral services for Margaretta Huth, wife of Louis C. Huth, and mother of Mrs. Max Vollberg, who died Tuesday at her residence, Colesville road and Calvert street, were held Friday. Burial was in prospect Hill cemetery.

The town treasurer's report, submitted at the last meeting of the mayor and town council showed condition of the various funds as follows: General $1,624.21; road, $1,630.57; fire equipment, $375.89 and building, $63.58.

Work on the Adams Street bridge has been delayed because of inability to obtain blueprints, it was stated.

Upon recommendation of the sanitation committee, the clerk was instructed to communicate with the owners of the former post office building, advising them they would be required to improve the sanitary condition of the building.

Outside electric light fixtures were ordered placed on the fire engine house.

An "old-fashioned spelling bee" will be held in the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church Tuesday at 8 p.m. There will be prizes for the winner of the bee and the runner-up.

The Silent Workers will hold a rummage sale at Bladensburg on October 17.

Teachers and mothers of primary department pupils will meet Wednesday evening in the Sunday school room.

The Current Topics club met at the home of Liet. And Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. Gottwahl and Mr. Reinohl as hostesses. The president, Miss Nan Smith made these committee appointments: Applied education, Mrs. Clayton Moore; fine arts, Mrs., D. C. Buscall; home economics, Mrs. W. E. Thorne; ways and means, Mrs. Lucy Fuller; scholarship, Mrs. Jessie Lane Keeley; membership, Mrs. Herbert Roby, Mrs. R. A. Bennett and Mrs. Keeley.

Miss Smith named Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Charles E. Holmes and Mrs. Fuller to represent the club at Upper Marlboro, October 27, when representatives of women's clubs in the county will call attention to the county commissioners to the need of a new county almshouse which could also be used as a house of detention for the insane or feeble-minded. The Upper Marlboro meeting was announced by Miss Agnes Duvall, county social service worker, who requested the local club to send representatives.

Prof. A. B. Graham, of Hyattsville gave an illustrated lecture on "The Home Beautiful."

The next meeting, November 5 will be held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Bennett with Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. W. E. Bennett and Miss Nan Smith as hostesses.

By selling strip tickets at 10 cents per foot, pupils of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades of the Riverdale school have raised about $81 toward the fund to buy a flagpole for the school. The child in each grade selling the most will have his or her name engraved on the plate to be place on the pole.

The beautifully dressed doll to be given at the Women's club bazaar to be held at the fire engine house October 16 and 17, to the person guessing its name, will be named by Mrs. William Howard Taft, wife of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Guesses will be sold at a nominal price.

Mrs. Taft's consent to name the doll was obtained by Miss Pauline Roby, daughter of Mrs. Herbert Roby, president of the Woman's club. It is also announced that the delicatessen booth at the bazaar of which Mrs. Barney will be in charge will serve both luncheon and dinner each day of the bazaar which will be open both in the afternoons and evenings.

Mrs. Charles E. Holmes is general chairman in charge of arrangements.

WHEATON.

Miss Blanch Corwin, county home demonstration agent, entertained the home economics club, Mrs. E. Weller, president, at a luncheon last Wednesday at Miss Corwin's home in Rockville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cross, Detroit, Mich., visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dickinson.

Newly elected officers of the Wheaton school club are: Mildred Smith, president, and Margaret Hardy, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Ioglenna Murphy, principal of Wheaton school and Mrs. Deula Hardy, assistant, were tended a reception Friday evening by the Mother's club at the home of Mrs. Jeffry Nairn.

Bladensburg-Decatur Heights.

At the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Bladensburg school, following the summer recess, $14 was appropriated for school supplies, and the association votes to reimburse the teachers for display cards they had bought.

A. R. Lee, president of the board of local school trustees, was named chairman of the committee to obtain bids on electric light fixtures for the school, and George M. Harris and Joseph F. White were appointed a committee on school ground decoration. Money for two teeter boards for the children was appropriated.

The association will hold a house warming October 23, at which there will be a sale of discarded clothing. Mrs. W. H. Gilhartson will have charge of the event.

Meeting nights of the association were changed to the Third Tuesday of each month.

At the October meeting of the Decatur Heights Citizens association, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sweat, obtaining a walk from the Bladensburg school to the Heights along the Defense

highway was discussed and N. O. Brigham was reappointed chairman of a committee to investigate the feasibility of the project.

The school committee reported that the interior of the now Bladensburg school was about finished and that the enrollment this year was 146.

A special meeting of the Bladensburg volunteer fire department has been called for Wednesday night to consider plans for the proposed new fire house.

EDMONSTON.

At a meeting of the Parent-Teacher association of the Edmonston school at the school these officials to serve the ensuring year were chosen: Mrs. Harry Brown, president; Joseph King, vice president; Mrs. P. K. Richter, secretary, and Mrs. Vail Canfield, treasurer.

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EXHIBIT 24

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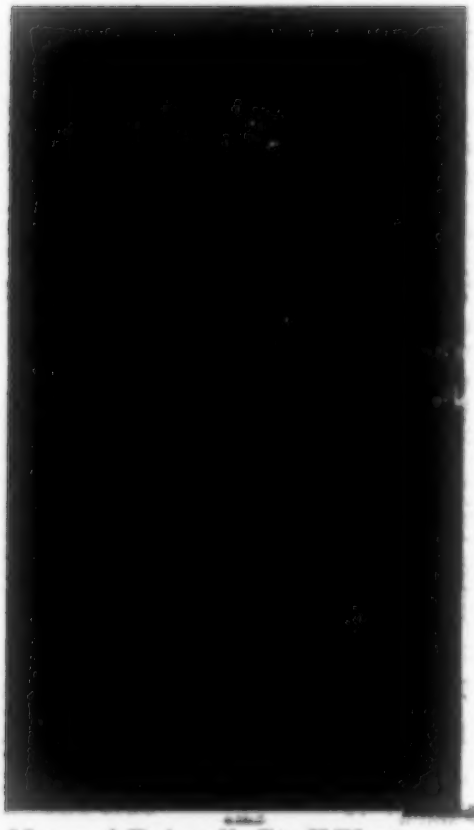
Lights for Peace Cross

A lighting system for the historic Peace Cross in Bladensburg, illuminating it as shown above, was turned on last night during a dedication ceremony at the nearby Maryland landmark. Bladensburg Rotarians spent $2000 to install some 3000 watts of floodlighting and the Town has agreed to pay electric bills to maintain the lights.



By Normal Driscoll, Staff Photographer

Lights Go On at Peace Cross

This was the scene last night at a ceremony turning on floodlights at the Peace Cross, in Bladensburg. Dignitaries who attended the ceremony sit on a truck at right in the picture. Bladensburg Rotarians sponsored the 3000-watt lighting project at a cost of $2000. The town of Bladensburg has agreed to pay the electric bills. The cross was erected many years ago as a memorial to World War I dead.

EXHIBIT 26

50TH ANNIVERSARY
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BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND

1925-1975

Saturday, **July 12, 1975** – 7:00 P.M.

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MEMORIAL CROSS

Bladensburg, Maryland

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1975 — 7:00 P.M.

Advancement of Colors

Honor Guard "C" Company, Maryland National Guard

Invocation

The Reverend August W. Peters. Jr., Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bladensburg, Maryland

Master of Ceremony

John Henry Hiser, Past Commander Post No. 3

Commander at the original dedication

National Anthem — America

Southern Maryland District Glee Club

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary

Directed by Mrs. Cecelia Zlotowski

Welcoming Address — Introduction of Honored Guests

Mayor Susanna Cristofane, Bladensburg, Maryland

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Master of Ceremony

Guest Speaker

Chaplain (Colonel) James J. Murphy. USA

Director of Plans, Programs and Policies

Office of Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army

White Crosses

Louise Dowling, authoress

Placement of Wreath

My Buddy

Southern Maryland District Glee Club

Benediction

Chaplain Murphy, USA

Taps

Navy Bugler at Cross

Mike Allen, Northwestern High School, Background

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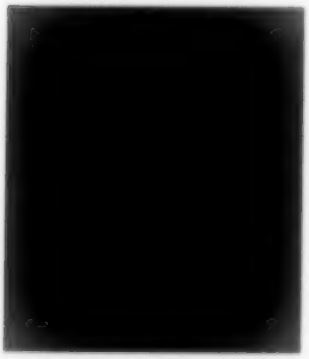

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Invocation

The Reverend August W. Peters. Jr., Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bladensburg, Maryland

Master of Ceremony

John Henry Hiser, Past Commander Post No. 3

Commander at the original dedication

National Anthem — America

Southern Maryland District Glee Club

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary

Directed by Mrs. Cecelia Zlotowski

Welcoming Address — Introduction of Honored Guests

Mayor Susanna Cristofane, Bladensburg, Maryland

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Master of Ceremony

Guest Speaker

Chaplain (Colonel) James J. Murphy. USA

Director of Plans, Programs and Policies

Office of Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army

White Crosses

Louise Dowling, authoress

Placement of Wreath

My Buddy

Southern Maryland District Glee Club

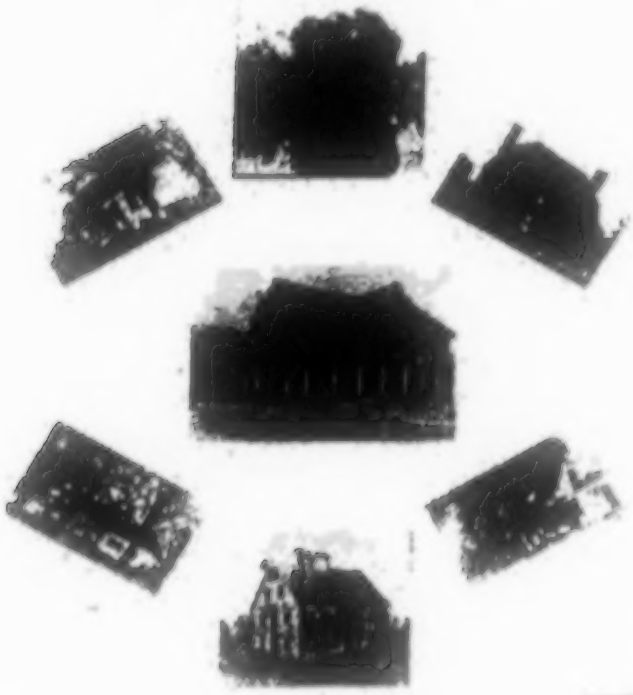
Benediction

Chaplain Murphy, USA

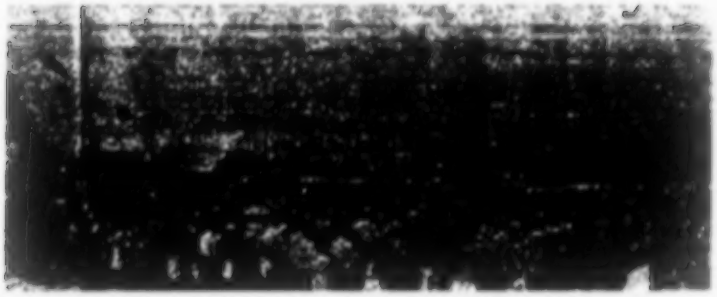
Taps

Navy Bugler at Cross

Mike Allen, Northwestern High School, Background



PEACE CROSS ANNIVERSARY



BACK IN 1925 the original dedication of the Memorial Cress at Bladensburg took place. This photograph was made at that Sunday, July 12, celebration during a light rain. At the wreath-laying can be seen Mrs. Bradley Snyder (left of the cross) and John H. Miser (right of the cross).

Mr. Miser was commander of the Snyder-Farmer Butler Post No. 3, American Legion, at the time of the dedication and will be the master of ceremonies at the 50th anniversary of the dedication which will be conducted at7 p.m., Saturday, July 12, at the cross.

The 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Memorial Cross in Bladensburg will be observed on July 12 in a ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be conducted by the Snyder-Farmer-Butler Post No. 3 of the American Legion located in Hyattsville.

The cross, generally known as "Peace Cross," was originally constructed in 1925 to honor 49 men from Prince George's County killed in the First World War. Funded through donations, the cross was placed at the beginning of the then new 26-mile Defense Hwy. connecting Washington and Annapo-

lis. The cross stands 40 feet high and 16 feet wide at its arms.

The Saturday: program will begin with advancement of the colors by the Honor Guard "C" Company of the Maryland National Guard. Invocation will be said by, the Rev. August Peters of St. Lukes Episcopal Church in Bladensburg.

John Henry Hiser, commander at the original 1925 dedication, will be master of ceremonies. The National Anthem will be sung by the Southern Maryland District Glee Club, Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion under the direction of Mrs. Cecelia Glotowski. Bladensburg Mayor Susanna Cristofane will eve the welcoming address.

Guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) James J. Murphy, director of plans, programs and policies, Office of Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army. The program will also include recitals of poetry and renditions of music of the day. A wreath will be placed at the cross, with ceremony ending with benediction by Chaplain Murphy and Taps.

GUEST SPEAKER at the ceremony will be Chaplain (Col.). James J. Murphy, director of plans, programs and policies, Office of Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army.

Jazz Concert

The Army Blues, the official jam ensemble of the United States Army Band will perform in New Carrollton (Beckett Field) on Sunday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. The Army Blues will perform their own versions of the latest and more innovative sounds of contemporary composers as well as the standard jazz favorites of yesteryear. For further information, call 249-9229. This program is sponsored by the New Carrollton Re-creation Connell.

Gate Closing

Motorists are reminded that as of July 7, Gate 1 on Range Rd., off Patuxent Rd., will be closed daily, Monday through Friday, with the exception of 6-8:30 a.m., and 3-6:30 p.m.

Correction

The Prince George's Post, in last week's postal carriers' demonstration story, inadvertently reported that David Lowe, president of Local 2852 of the National Association of Letter Carriers, denied that the number of mail stops per carrier had been drastically increased. Actually, Don Sager, spokesman for the Eastern Region, U.S. Postal Service made that statement. The Post regrets this error.

EHXIBIT 28

Town and Post 131 Events at Bladensburg Cross Dated 1980-2014

Commanders Message

Well, I'm not sure about the rest of you, but I have had enough of old man winter and ready for some nice Spring weather to begin.

I would like to take this time to thank Al and Mark DiMuzio for their contribution of the Christmas CD's and their donation of the new microwave oven in the club room.

While the band was a little different and a Elide unexpected by some of the people that showed up to the Valentine's dance this year, it was still a success and all had a good time. Thanks to all that showed up.

We raised $90 at the steak dinner to send w National to support the Emergency Fund, which is used to support Veterans in need due to a disaster.

On June 14th we will be holding our Joint Installation of Officers for the 2014/2015 year. We will be having a dinner for members that would like to attend, prior to the Installation. There will be a sign-up sheet behind the hat for all that wish to attend so we can get an idea of how much to cook. Come celebrate our new officers.

Please come join us for the Memorial Day Celebration at the Peace Cross on May 26th at I l am.

Remember if you have not paid your dues, you are now delinquent and your club priviledges are suspended.

God Bless our Troops, Veterans and America

Phil Holdcraft

Commander

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

May 26, 2014

Peace Cross

11:00 am

"A very moving service for our Veterans that have gone to Post Everlasing"

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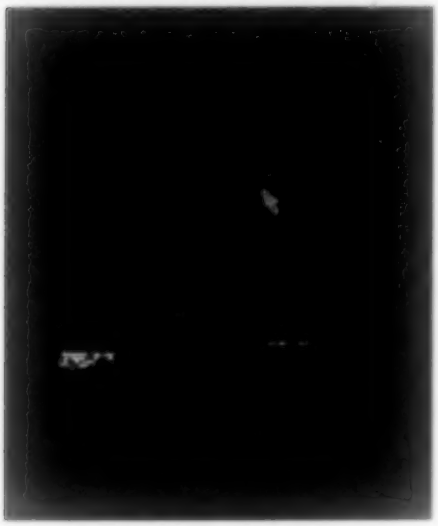
MEMORIAL DAY

CEREMONY

MAY 26, 2014

AT THE PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL

BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND



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American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131

and the

Town of Bladensburg Patriotic Committee

THAT SERVE
FOR COMING

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MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors:	R.O.T.C.
Pledge of Allegiance:	Everyone
Invocation:	Frank Stultz Chaplain Post 131
Call to Order:	Phillip Holdcraft Commander Post 131
Recognition of Guest:	Marion Hoffman Patriotic Committee
	Phillip Holdcraft Commander Post 131
Welcome:	Walter James, Mayor Town of Bladensburg
Guest Speaker:	Gary Gifford, Commander S.M.D.
Floral Tributes:	TBA
Taps:	
Benediction:	Frank Stultz Chaplain Post 131

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Invitation to Lunch: Philip Holdcraft
Commander Post 131

Retirement of Colors: R.O.T.C.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:

BLADENSBURG
POLICE DEPT.

BLADENSBURG DEPT.
OF PUBLIC WORKS

BLADENSBURG PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE
MARION HOFFMAN

PLEASE
TAKE A MOMENT
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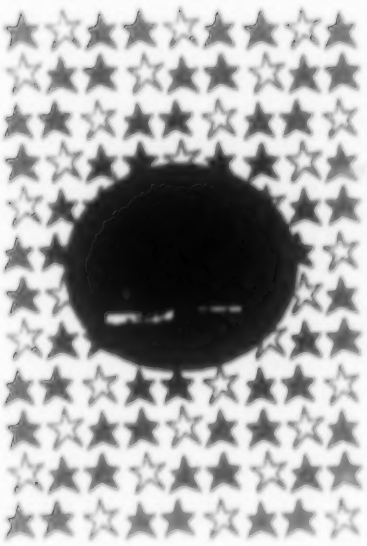
[AMERICAN
LEGION SEAL]



TAKE PRIDE
* IN OUR *
VETS

HONOR VETS

PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL
NOVEMBER 11, 2014 - 11 AM

SPONSORED BY:
AMERICAN LEGION COLMAR MANOR POST 111
AND
TOWN OF BLADENSBURG PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM 2014

PAST COMM-ANDERS CHARGE	PHIL HOLD-CRAFT	WELCOME	WALTER JAMES / MAYOR WALTER GEORGE / COUNCIL PERSON
PRESENT-ATION OF COLORS	MAJ. DAVIS / BLAD-ENSB-URG HIGH ROTC	GUEST SPEAKER	HAYWARD MOSS / P.G. COUNTY COM-MANDER
NATIONAL ANTHEM	LT. COLONE L KIKER		
		FLORAL TRIBUTES	TBA
INVO-CATIONS	POST 131		
		TAPS	LT. COLONEL KIKER
CALL TO ORDER	PHIL HOL-DCRAFT /PAST COM-MAND-ER A.L. 131		

		BENE-DICTION	POST 131
RECO-GNITION OF GUEST	MARION HOF-FMAN / PAT-RIOTIC COMM. PHIL HOLD-CRAFT PAST COMM-ANDER A.L. 131	INVIT-ATION TO LUNCH	PHILLIP HOLDCRAFT / PAST COM-MANDER A.L. 131
		RETIRE-MENT OF COLORS	MAJ. DAVIS / BLADENS-BURG HIGH ROTC

SPECIAL THANKS TO

BLADENSBURG POLICE DEPT. / BLADENSBURG DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS ROTC

COMMANDERS REPORT

I would like to thank the SAL & AUX for putting on the Crab Feast. I understand that everyone thought the crabs were the best they have had. Those that attended made it a great success.

Join us every Monday night for the Shot Gun Bingo and every Friday night for the Queen of Hearts drawing.

On Veteran's Day (11/11/13) there will be a ceremony at the Peace Cross at 11100am. Afterwards there will be refreshments furnished by the SAL at the Post home. If you have time please come and join this heart felt ceremony to our Veterans.

For our Veteran's that do not have a place to go on Thanksgiving or a family to celebrate with, please come and celebrate Thanksgiving dinner at the Post home with us.

Also, don't forget the Kids Christmas Party on 12/21/13 from 1-3pm.

While at the post watching your favorite teams play or watch your favorite driver in Nascar, don't forget to support the SAL and the AUX by purchasing one of their great meals.

Please make sure you purchase some "WAGON OF CHEER" tickets. The prize will be $400 cash and ticker will be sold at 1 for $1 or 6 for$5. The winning ticket will be pulled on Dec. 24th at the Legion Christmas Parry.

HERE ARE THE MONTHLY
MONEY WINNERS FOR

SEPT	OCT
$100 - Mike Casey	$104-Dane Weber
$ 50 - Al DiMuzio	$ 50 - Dee Stultz
$ 25 - Cathy Tierney	$ 25 - Jimmy Dana

Please remember those the are serving in the Armed Forces during the Holiday season.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless America

Phil Holdcraft / Commander

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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

PEACE CROSS

IN

BLADENSBURG MD

11/11/13 @ 11:00 AM

COME OUT AND SALUTE OUR VETERANS

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HEROES

Casualties from Operation
Enduring Freedom in
Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi
Freedom in Iraq
2013

PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 11. 2013

SPONSORED BY:

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VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM 2013

COMMANDERS CHARGE	PHIL HOLDCRAFT
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	MAJ. DAVIS / BLADENSBURG HIGH ROTC
NATIONAL ANTHEM	LT. COLONEL KIKER
INVOCATIONS	FRANK STULTZ / A.L. 131 CHAPLAIN
CALL TO ORDER	PHIL HOLDCRAFT / A.L. 131 COMMANDER
RECOGNITION OF GUEST	MARION HOFFMAN / PATRIOTIC COMM.
	PHIL HOLDCRAFT / A.L. 131 COMMANDER

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BLADENSBURG POLICE DEPT. / BLADEN

VETERAN'S DAY PRGRAM 2013

WELCOME	WALTER JAMES / MAYOR WALTER GEORGE / COUNCIL PERSON
GUEST SPEAKER	GEORGE SCHAAD / P.G. COUNTY COMMANDER
FLORAL TRIBUTES	TBA
TAPS	LT. COLONEL KIKER
BENEDICTION	FRANK STULTZ / A.L. 131 CHAPLAIN
INVITATION TO LUNCH	PHILLIP HOLDCRAFT / A.L. 131 COMMANDER
RETIREMENT OF COLORS	MAJ. DAVIS / BLADENSBURG HIGH ROTC

ANKS TO

BURG DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & ROTC

THANK You!

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HONOR ALL THAT SERVE

THANKS EVERYONE FOR COMING

2013

MEMORIAL DAY

PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors:	R.O.T.C.
Pledge of Allegiance:	Everyone
National Anthem:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Invocation:	Post 131
Call to Order:	Phillip Holdcraft / Commander Post 131
Recognition of Guest:	Marion Hoffman / Patriotic Committee Phillip Holdcraft Commander Post 131
Welcome:	Walter James, Mayor Town of Bladensburg
Guest Speaker:	Gary Gifford, 1st Vice SMB
Floral Tributes: TBA	TBA
Taps:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Benediction:	Post 131
Invitation to Lunch:	Phillip Holdcraft / Commander Post 131
Retirement of Colors:	R.O.T.C.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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BLADENSBURG PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE
MARION HOFFMAN

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MEMORIAL DAY
CEREMONY MAY 27, 2013
AT PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL
BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND

MEMORIAL DAY

Sponsored by:
American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131
and the
Town of Bladensburg Patriotic Committee
2013

COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

As I write this it finally looks like warmer weather is here.

Remember the AUX and SAL are still doing Sunday dinners for NASCAR tares, so come our and enjoy.

Join us on Memorial Day (Monday 5/27/13) at Peace Cross at 11:00 a.m. to remember those that gave their lives so we can enjoy our freedom. There will be a luncheon at the Post after the event.

During the May meeting, next year's officers will be elected and installed it June. The Installation dare has not been set yet, so please call the Post Home and plan on attending. Again this year there will be a dinner From 5:30pm to 7:00pm with the program starting at 7:30pm. It is open to members and one guest free of charge. However, to plan for the dinner we need everyone who is going to attend to have their name on the sign up sheet at the Post home. Please call the Post home if you are planning on attending (301-779-4264) or better yet, stop by and sign up in person. If you don't sign up, but show up, there may nor be enough food for you.

I would like to thank Al DiMuzia for getting our outside lights in working order again. Also, a special thanks to Dane Weber, Joe Libcke and Pete Lusby for waxing and buffing the upstairs hall. Great jobs, done by all and this is what we are all about.

The Money raffle winners:

March	April
Mike Casey - $100	Sam Hofberg - $100
Al DeMuzia - $50	Frank Stultz - $50
Stephanie Burns - $25	Robert Howerton (Howie) - $25.00

Hope to see you all soon at our Past Home.

God Bless our troops and God Bless America

Phil Holdcraft

Commander Post 131

emorial • Day • Tribute
Memorial Day Services
Bladensburg Peace Cross
5/27/13 - 11:00 am
Open House to follow at Post 131
Come out and pay tribute to our Veteran's
that have given the supreme sacrifice

Happy Mother's Day
&
Happy Father's Day

THE POST 131 VETERAN

THE AMERICAN LEGION

COLMAR MANOR POST 131

301-779-4246

"STILL SERVING AMERICA"

MAY & JUNE 2013

M MTG - 1ST WED - 6:30PM

SAL MTG - lST THURS - 7:00PM

IC BD MTG - 3RD WED - 6:30PM

AUX MTG ST WED - 7:00PM

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TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

MAYOR

WALTER L. JAMES, JR.

October 18, 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Please join with the Bladensburg Town officials and the Colmar Manor American Legion, Post 131 and our neighbors as we commemorate Veterans' Day, on Sunday, November 11, 2012, at 11 am at Peace Cross.

At 1 1:00 a.m., our annual tribute in memoriam for the honored deceased of all our nation's struggles for the preservation of freedom will be held at the time honored Memorial Cross. Beautiful floral pieces will be tenderly placed at the monuments in loving memory.

Hope you will be able to join us at this special ceremony.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marion M. Hoffman

Marion M. Hoffman
Town of Bladensburg
Former, Councilwoman &
Promotion Liaison

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PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 11, 2012

Sponsored By:

American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131

and

Town of Bladensburg Patriotic Committee

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM 2012

Commanders Charge:	Phil Holdcraft
Presentation Of Colors:	Maj. Davis / Bladensburg High Rotc
National Anthem:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Invocations:	Frank Stultz / A.L. 131 Chaplain
Call To Order:	Phil Holdcraft / A.L. 131 Commander
Recognition of Guest:	Marion Hoffman / Patriotic Comm. Phil Holdcraft / Commander Post 131
Welcome:	Walter James / Mayor Walter George / Council Person
Guest Speaker:	Gary Gifford / 1st Vice Commander SMB American Legion
Floral Tributes:	TBA
Taps:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Benediction:	Frank Stultz / AL 131 Chaplin
Invitation to Lunch:	Phillip Holdcraft / Commander Post 131

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Retirement of Colors: Maj. Davis / Bladensburg High ROTC

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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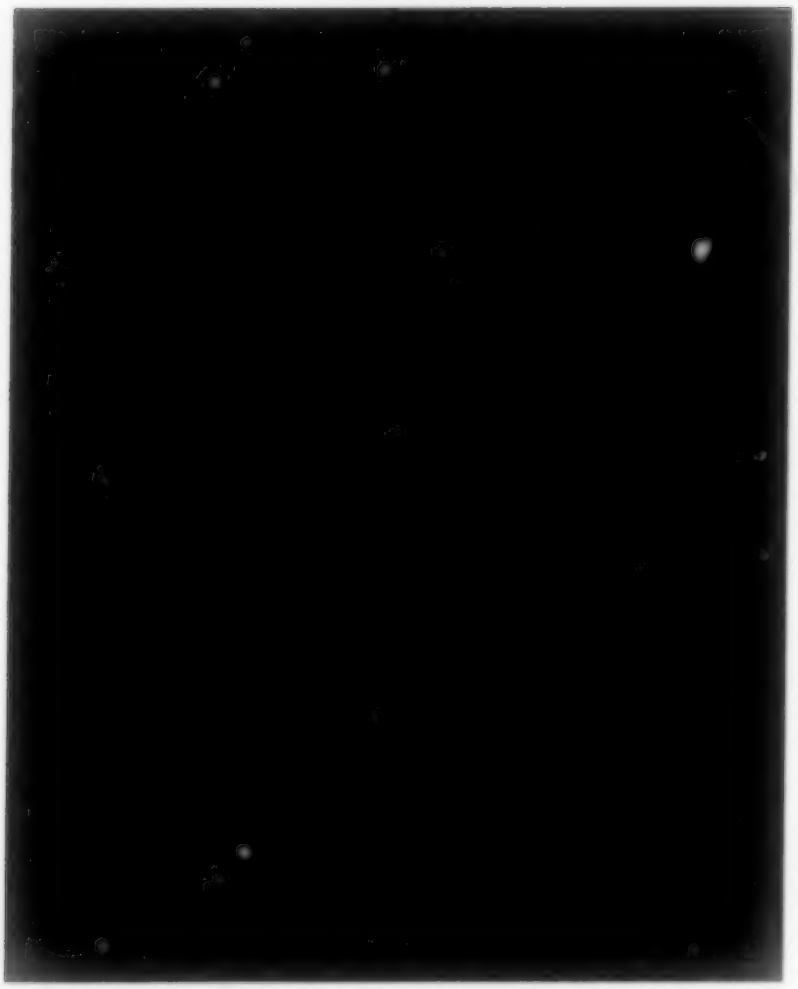

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Commanders Report

I hope that everyone made it through "Sandy' okay...

I would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Crab Feast. A special thanks to all those Legionaries, Aux. and SAL members that worked the function. Also, thanks to all the ladies that baked cakes for the cake wheel and to Joe Libcke for getting the crabs and seeing They were cooked.

The Friday night dinners have not been doing well, so they are being discontinued.

Join us Monday nights at 7pm for Shot Gun Bingo and 52 Card draw and Friday nights at 8:30 pm for the Queen of Hearts.

On Veteran's Day there will be a ceremony at 11:00 am at "Peace Cross'. Afterwards there will be refreshments furnished by the S.A.L. If you have time please come out and join us and show how important the Peace Cross is to the Veteran's.

There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner again this year for those Veterans that have nowhere else to go.

Also, don't forget the Kid's Christmas party on 12122/12. Don't forget to sign them up in the club room. While at the Post don't- forget to buy your 'Wagon of Cheer' rickets. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Christmas Parry on Dec. 24th.

Please remember those that are serving our nation in the Armed Forces during the Holidays.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless America

Phil Holdcraft

Commander

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HALL RENTALS

AVAILABLE

PLEASE CALL BAR MANAGER FOR DETAILS

DANE WEBER - 301-779-4264

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VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE

PEACE CROSS

BLADENSBURG RD

11/11/12

11:00 AM

COME OUT AND SHOW HOW IMPORTANT OUR CROSS IS

EFOR OUR MILITARY AND HONOR OUR VETERAN'S.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

American Legion Post 131
4103 Lawrence St
Colmar Manor MD 20722

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/6/12 MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT
11/11/12 - VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE
11/22/12 • THANKSGIVING DINNER
12/9/12 - MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT
12/22/12 - KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/24/12 •CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Don't forget
Shot Gun Bingo every Monday night
Queen of Hearts every Friday night
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Regular Members Meeting

Colmar Manor Post 131

Wednesday October 3, 2012

Meeting called to order by Philip Holdcraft. Past Commander Bob Murray and Adjutant Keith Hurst were absent.

Motion made by Dane Weber and seconded by Frank Stultz to accept the minutes of the Regular Members meeting held on September 12, 2012 as presented. Motion passed.

Motion made by Dane Weber and seconded by Ed Mutchler to accept the minutes of the Executive Members meeting held on September 19, 2012 as presented. Motion passed.

Commander recognized past commanders Dane Weber and Frank Stultz.

VAVS— report given by Frank Stultz.

1st Vice — given by commander. We have 53 paid members at this time.

Finance report- Dane Weber made a motion to accept September's report, subject to audit, seconded by Frank Stultz. Motion passed.

Unfinished business:

Jesse's Seafood needs to know how many crabs we want by Friday.

New Business:

Received a check from Harford for the hail damage. Did not get anything for the turbines. Dane to make a call.

Commander mentioned we got our Harford audit.

Veterans Day will be held at Peace Cross on 11/11/12

Good of the Legion:

There will be a demonstration at Peace Cross on 10/13/12 at 1:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Phil Holdcraft, Commander

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MEMORIAL DAY

AT PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL

BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND

Sponsored by:

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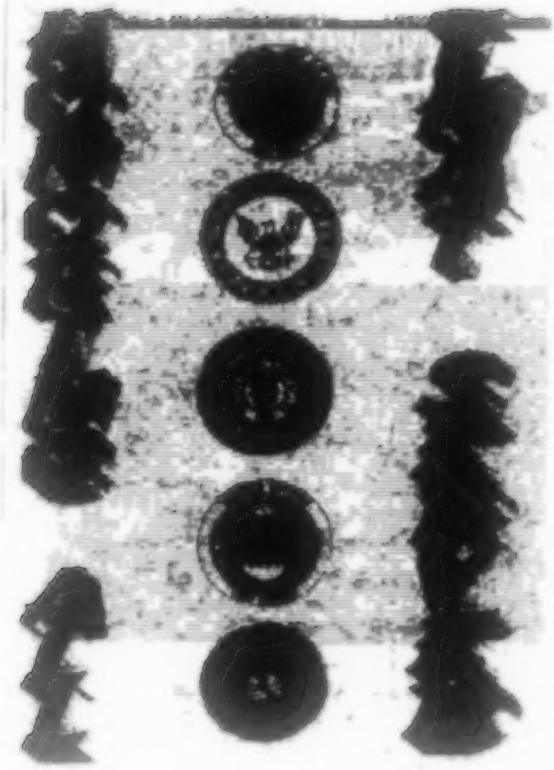

PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors:	American Legion Post 131 S.A.L.
Pledge of Allegiance:	Everyone
National Anthem:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Invocation:	Keith Hurst, Adjutant Post 131
Call to Order:	Phillip Holdcraft, Commander Post 131
Recognition of Guest:	Marion Hoffman, Patriotic Committee Phillip Holdcraft, Commander Post 131
Welcome:	Walter James, Mayor Town of Bladensburg

Guest Speaker:	Steven Brennan, Finance Officer Post 108 Major, U.S. Army Retired, 82nd Airborne
Floral Tributes:	TBA
Taps:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Benediction:	Keith Hurst, Adjutant Post 131
Invitation to Lunch:	Phillip Holdcraft, Commander Post 131
Retirement of Colors:	American Legion Post 131 S.A.L.

THANK YOU FOR COMING

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

BLADENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

BLADENSBURG DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MAY 31, 2010

AT PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL

BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND

Sponsored by:

American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131

and the

Town of Bladensburg Patriotic Committee

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MEMORIAL DAY

CEREMONY

May 31, 2010

Presentation of Colors:	Bladensburg ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance:	Everyone
National Anthem:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Invocation:	Keith Hurst, Chaplin Post 131
Call to Order:	Bob Murray, Commander Post 131, Past Commander, PGCC
Recognition of Guests:	Marion Hoffman, Patriotic Committee Bob Murray, Commander, Post 131
Welcome:	Walter James, Mayor, Town of Bladensburg
Guest Speaker:	Bill Milligan, 1st Vice Commander, American Legion Southern MD District

#1 Candidate Southern MD District Commander

Floral Tributes:	To be announced
Taps:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Benediction:	Keith Hurst, Chaplin Post 131

Invitation to Lunch:	Bob Murray, Commander Post 131
Retirement of Colors:	Bladensburg ROTC

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HONORING ALL
THAT SERVED
MEMORIAL DAY
CEREMONY
May 31, 2010

Presentation of Colors:	Bladensburg ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance:	Everyone
National Anthem:	Lt. Colonel Kiker
Invocation:	Keith Hurst, Chaplin Post 131
Call to Order:	Bob Murray, Commander Post 131, Past Commander, PGCC
Recognition of Guests:	Marion Hoffman, Patriotic Committee Bob Murray, Commander, Post 131
Welcome:	Walter James, Mayor, Town of Bladensburg
Guest Speaker:	Bill Milligan, 1st Vice Commander, American Legion Southern MD District

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Floral Tributes:	To be announced
Taps:	Lt. Colonel Kiker

Benediction:	Keith Hurst, Chaplin Post 131
Invitation to Lunch:	Bob Murray, Commander Post 131
Retirement of Colors:	Bladensburg ROTC

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MEMORIAL DAY

World War I

World War II

Korea – Vietnam

May 31, 2004

Veterans' Memorial Park

Bladensbug, Maryland

Town of Bladensburg &
American Legion Colmar Manor 131

This program is dedicated to the Veterans and Fallen Comrades of World War II.

WE DID NOT FORGET!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The Town of Bladensburg:

Department of Public Works

Police Department

Code Enforcement

American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131
American Legion Colmar Manor Auxiliary Unit 131
Sons of the American Legion
Colmar Manor Squadron 131

Program Coordinators: Marion Hoffman, Councilwoman
Town of Bladensburg

Carole Hammonds – Public Relations
American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 131

Program Publisher – Carole Hammonds

Memorial Photos – Carole Hammonds

PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors	American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131 & Squadron Jennifer Stewart -Bowie High JRCTO
National Anthem	Recording
Opening Prayer	Pastor Curtis Robinson Faith-Deliverance-Soul Saving Station
Recognition of Guests	Marlon Hoffman, Councilwoman Town of Bladensburg Liaison, Promotion Committee
	Waiter Ficklin, Councilman Mayor Pro Tern-Town of Bladensburg
	Steve Premier, Past Commander American Legion Post 131
	Michael Odeem, 2nd Vice Commander American Legion PG County Council
	Chris Needham-Town of Bladensburg
Principal Speaker	Robert Chiarizia, Past Commander American Legion Post 131 & Amer-

	ican Legion PG County Council
Floral Tributes	Veterans and Other Groups
TAPS	Recording
Closing Prayer	Pastor Curtis Robinson Faith-Deliverance-Soul Saving Station
God Bless America	Recording - Sung by Kate Smith
Invitation to Lunch	Steve Prender, Past Commander American Legion Post 131 American Legion
Retirement of Colors	American Legion Colmar Manor Post 131 & Squadron Jennifer Stewart-Bowie High JROTC

The Plaque on
The World War II
Honor Roll:

"In Memory of the Men and
Women of Prince George's
County Who Made the
Supreme Sacrifice That
Freedom Might Live."

World War II

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941: A date which will live in infamy The United States of America was

suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." President Franklin D. Roosevelt. So began his address to Congress the day after the attack. Later that day, the United States and Britain declare war on Japan. On December II , Congress approved similar declarations of war against Germany and Italy - Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. Thus the European and Southeast Asian wars now become a global conflict with the Axis powers, Japan, Germany and Italy, united against America, Britain. France, and their Allies. America had entered World War II

405,399 Americans lost their lives during
World War II

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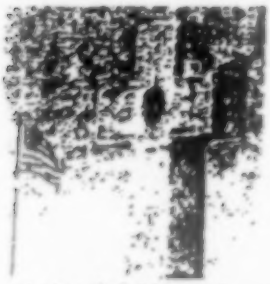

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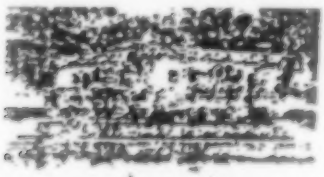

Korea - Vietnam

May 31, 2004
Veterans Memorial Park
Bladensburg, Maryland

Town of Bladensburg &
American Legion Colmar Manor 131

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BLADENSBURG PROMOTION COMMITTEE

4229 Edmonston Avenue

Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

October 29, 1999

The Bladensburg Town Officials and our Promotion Committee are extending an invitation to your organization and friends to be present and participate in our Annual Salute to Veterans Day on Thursday, November 11, 1999 at 11:00 am, at Veterans Memorial Park - The World War I Memorial Cross Area.

Floral Tributes will be placed at the base of the peace cross in tribute to all those veterans who sacrificed their all the "The Altar Of Freedom For American Ideals." Confirm your attendance by contacting the Bladensburg Town Hall at 301-927-7048, before 4:00 p.m., November 9, 1999. Please present your organization name to the event organizer when arrive Peace Cross and you will be recognized.

The Colmar Manor American Legion Post 131 will have an open house, following the ceremonies and all are invited to attend.

Sincerely,

/s/ William A. Hickey, Jr.

William A. Hickey, Jr.
Chairman Promotion Committee

Marion M. Hoffman
Town Council

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COLMAR MANOR POST NO. 131, AMERICAN LEGION

"Maryland's Friendliest"

40105 Lawrence Street

Colmar Manor, Maryland 20722

June 6, 1990

Town of Bladensburg
4229 Edmonston Ave.
P.O. Box 39
Bladensburg, MD 20710

Dear Mayor Stephenson,

In reference to your letter of May 23, /990 Colmar Manor Post 131, The American Legion viii be placing floral tributes at the Bladensburg Annual July 4th Patriotic Ceremonies at Memorial Peace Cross.

The names of the individuals that will be representing claimer manor Post 13l at the wreath laying ceremonies will be Commander Elect Dane A. Heber and President Elect Suzzette Jones.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ralph L. Johnson
Ralph L Johnson
Post Adjutant

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TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

4229 Edmonston Avenue
Post Office Box 9
Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

May 23, 1990

American legion Post 131
c/o Commander George Ent
4103 Lawrence Street
Colmar Manor, Md. 20722

Dear Commander Ent:

If your organization will be placing a floral tribute at the Bladensburg Annual July 4th Patriotic Ceremonies at the Memorial Peace Cross, please inform Michelle Doswell - Administrative Assistant - at the above listed numbers.

Please respond by Friday Julie 15, 1990.

Indicate the name of your organization and the names of those placing the floral tribute, so they may be included in the program.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben Stephenson
Ben Stephenson
Mayor

/s/ Daniel Long
Daniel Long
Promotion Committee

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TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

4229 Edmonston Avenue
Post Office Box 9
Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

May 5, 1989

Commander George Ent
Colmar Manor Post 131
4103 Lawrence Street
Colmar Manor, Md. 20722

Dear Commander:

The Town of Bladensburg wishes to confirm your Honor Guard Unit presenting and retiring the Colors at our July 4th, 1989 ceremony at the Memorial Cross at 11:00am.

Immediately following the ceremony the uniformed members of your Unit will be our guests at a luncheon at the Bladensburg Fire Hall.

Sincerely,

/s/ William Seymour
William Seymour
Mayor

/s/ Daniel Long
Daniel Long
Promotion Committee

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

JULY 4, 1984

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Sandra Watkins, Commanding Michael Deacon, Field Captain	American Legion Post 108 Honor Guard, Cheverly Trooper Maryland State Champions
INVOCATION	Father Karl A. Chimlak St. Matthias Catholic Church Lanham, Maryland
CALL TO ORDER	William A. Hickey, Jr. Bladensburg Promotion Committee
RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS	Councilwoman Marion Hoffman Town of Bladensburg
WELCOME	Mayor William R. Seymour
GREETINGS	Danial L. Long, Chairman Bladensburg Promotion Committee
	Parris N. Glendening Prince George's County Executive
INDEPENDENCE	Steny Hoyer, Congressman

DAY ADDRESS	5th Congressional District
DEDICATION OF FLAG POLE	Danial Long (and) Bladensburg Promotion Committee

The Bladensburg Promotion Committee
dedicates this Flagpole to
William A. Hickey, Jr. and Francis J. Salveron.

The perserverance, dedication and patriotism of these men provided the inspiration for the establishment of the Korean-Vietnam Memorial.

The Flag used for this ceremony has flown over the United States Capitol. It was presented to the Bladensburg Promotion Committee by Congressman Steny Hoyer.

PLACEMENT OF FLORAL TRIBUTES

BENEDICTION	Father Karl A. Chimiak St. Matthips Catholic Church Lanham, Maryland
RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS	American Legion Post 108 Honor Guard, Cheverly Troopers

BLADENSBURG PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Marion M. Hoffman	Bladensburg Councilwoman
Town Council Liaison	
Danial L. Long	General Chairman
David H. Soule	Vice Chairman and Treas-

urer

Sheila Rice	Assistant Treasurer
Maribeth Soule	Secretary

MEMBERS

Susanna Cristofane	Anna Salveron
William A. Hickey, Jr.	Francis Salveron
Lillian Hinebaugh	Sally Long
Lucy Seymour	Peggy Raynor Hutchins
Dorothy Branock	Janet Hammons

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July 4th
Luncheon Served
Bladensburg Fire Hall
(buffet, coffee, tea or soda)
$5.00 - Advance Reservation
Cake Donated by Rolling Pin Bakery
Cash Bar (Beer & Wine)

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" . . . THIS GREAT ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OUGHT TO BE COMMEMORATED AS THE DAY OF DELIVERANCE, BY SOLEMN ACTS OF DEVOTION TO GOD ALMIGHTY. . ."

John Adams 1776

EXHIBIT 31

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Maryland-National Capital Park Police

Prince George's County Division

Operational Plan

Event Name:	**Bladensburg Waterfront: Multi-Event** A. Demonstration: Peace Cross Memorial B. Open House: Bladensburg Waterfront **Park No:** N94 **RD:** 31
Location:	Bladensburg and Colmar Manor Areas, Specifically: *4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD*
Contact Person(s):	Cathy Davis **Phone:** 301.742.1686
Additional Contact Person:	Bernadine Sandy (M-NCPPC) **Phone:** 301.779.0371
Primary Planner:	Lieutenant Brian Waters
	Date Assigned: 5/27/14 **Date Complete:** 5/27/1413

Patrol Method(s): Motor Vehicle, Foot, Horse Mounted, and Motorcycle Patrol

Park Radio Channel: Park Tac 1

County Radio Channel: N/A

Required Equipment:

Uniform	Uniform of the Day (Tans)!				
Stetson	XX	Rain Gear	XX	Traffic Vest	XX
Traffic Wand	XX	Flash-light	XX	Digital Camera	XX
Gas Mask	XX	Riot Helmet	XX	CDU Body Armor	XX

Plan of Action:

Personnel assigned to the Bladensburg Waterfront Multi-Event will report to the City of Bladensburg Town Hall (4229 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg) at 1200 hours for a briefing and discussion about security measures at the Waterfront and Peace Cross Memorial.

Officers will be deployed--a handful at a time--to traffic-pedestrian safety posts around the memorial; we are expected to assist members of the public wishing to express their points of view, visit parkland, or freely commute via the many pedestrian and vehicular routes associated with Commission properties. Rotating deployments will provide periodic rest for officers and hopefully generate first-hand assessments from the scene (A precise rotation roster is forthcoming). An important thing to remember is

that our presence today is meant to add to the safety and protection of all persons visiting (or commuting in proximity to) the memorial; the scope of our attention will likely include portions of the Town of Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and the City of Bladensburg. Generally speaking, our response will include foot patrol. horse-

We are expected to enforce Commission rules and regulations with *careful* discretion (checking with a supervisor before taking such action is highly recommended). Criminal and traffic enforcement should be undertaken in a way that strikes a balance between professional obligation and a tolerance (respect) for the complexity of such demonstrations.

Importantly, each of us ,mist avoid expressing our opinions about the controversy lying at the center of the Peace Cross debate! The mere presence of a large number of people in and around one of the county's busiest intersections warrants a reasonable police presence. Our primary (only) responsibility is to enhance the safety of all visitors at and around the memorial site. We should be especially prepared to direct visitors toward parking locations, assist people crossing streets, and prevent prohibited parking on the shoulders of roads around the memorial site, in addition to our normal policing duties. *Have a neutral voice with respect to the protest itself.*

Maryland-National Capital Park Police: Personnel Duty Roster

Officer	Radio Number	Duty Hours	Special Notes
Lt. Brian Waters	Car 5	1200-2000	OIC

Officer	Radio Number	Duty Hours	Special Notes
Sgt. Haywood	751	1200-2201	Motorcycle Foot/Cruiser
Officer Benson/Officer Young II	756	1200-2200	Foot/Cruiser
Officer Heck	755	1200-2200	Foot/Cruiser
Officer Miller	758	1200-2200	Foot/Cruiser
Sergeant Evans	770	1200-2200	Motorcycle Foot/Cruiser
Officer Ramsey	775	1200-2200	Foot/Cruiser
Officer McCracken	776	1200-2200	Foot/Cruiser
Acting-Sgt. Oratton/ Officer D Savoy	870a and 870b	1100-2100	Two-Horse Team
Officer Kea/Officer Jefferson	875a and 875b	1100-2100	Two-Horse Team
Officer Skeete	879	1100-2100	Motorcycle

Officer	Radio Number	Duty Hours	Special Notes
Officer Mileo and "Kane"		1100-?	Bomb Detection
Ranger 1			Parking
Ranger 2			Parking

Bladensburg City Police: Personnel Duty Roster

Officer	Radio Number	Duty Hours	Special Notes
Sergeant Charles R. Cowling	Bladensburg 281	1200 - 2000	
PFC Malik Ayoub	Bladensburg 323	1200 - 2000	
PFC David Calloway	Bladensburg 326	1200 - 2000	
PFC Charles Earle	Bladensburg 325	1200 - 2000	
PFC Alex Salinas	Bladensburg 320	1200 - 2000	
Officer Lo-Qune Brown	Bladensburg 328	1200 - 2000	
Officer Walker Dunbar	Bladensburg 329	1200 - 2000	

Officer Marin Ramirez	Bladensburg 331	1200 - 2000	

Prince George's County Police: Personnel Duty Roster

Officer	Radio Number	Duty Hours	Special Notes
Cpl, Jaron Black (Cell (202) 669-7800)			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 2			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 3			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 4			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 5			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 6			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 7			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 8			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS Officer 9			On stand-by elsewhere
COPS			On stand-by

Officer	Radio Number	Duty Hours	Special Notes
Officer 10			elsewhere

Town of Colmar Manor Police: Personnel Duty Roster

Officer	Radio Number	Duty Hours	Special Notes
Chief Brian Gibson	CM90		Town patrol/field parking,
Sergeant Mary Simms	CM9 I		Town patrol/field parking
Pfc. Brian Lynch	CM93		Town patrol/field parking

Parking (Police):

- Police Parking will be at Bladensburg Town Hall, except for on-post officers.

Intelligence:

- None

Event/Groups Histories:

- Title: Save the Peace Cross Demonstration

  Organized by **Cathy Davis** and **Jeff Clark**

  Group Narrative: A peaceful demonstration against the impending lawsuit filed by the American Humanist Association to have the

Peace Cross removed. This is a WWI Veteran's Memorial that has been standing for nearly 90 years at the crossroads in Bladensburg, MD. Help us continue to honor our fallen heroes from long ago. (Rain date: Saturday, June 14, 2014)

Cathy Davis' high estimate for attendance is more than a thousand, to include a large contingent of motorcyclists. She claims that low attendance at the last demonstration (2012) was a reflection of last-minute planning, and that this month's demonstration has been planned for many months and will include regional American Legion posts and motorcycle clubs from multiple states (at least seven). The Peace Cross itself has undergone certain modifications (the war-dead names have been repaired and pathways installed) which might encourage demonstrators to cross the busy intersection to closely visit the memorial. Davis assured me that her group will have many assistants (w_____

- Title: American Humanists Association Various

Organized by: Various

Group Narrative: The American Humanist Association has filed a federal lawsuit alleging the cross violates the First Amendment. The AHA has made clear it does not object to memorializing soldiers, but rather the placement of a Christian

symbol on land owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (a government entity),

We have no indication that the AHA will hold a counter demonstration; nonetheless, a section of Commission property opposite the Bladensburg Balloon Gardens Park will be reserved to facilitate their (or anyone else's) expression of views.

Special Resources:

- Rangers will be on site to help with parking wherever needed.
- VMS boards (two) will be deployed on Bladensburg Road (on the Bladensburg side and Colmar Manor side) and on Alternate Route 1, Southbound)
  Messages; "Watch for Pedestrians!" "Overflow Parking: Colmar Manor Park"
- Bomb-detection canine team will sweep the area at 1200 hours, prior to the start of the event (Officers Milea and "Kane")

Command Past: N/A

Press Area:

To be determined by the OIC, on scene. All media inquiries should be referred to Lieutenant Brian Waters (240)876-7027

Arrest Teams:

The OIC will assign and deploy officers as needed. A holding area will be identified and established by the OIC. Once the area is stabilized the arrest team will transport all adult prisoners to the nearest Court Commissioner for processing and bond review.

Juveniles will be processed and released on the scene to a responsible adult relative and/or transported to Headquarters for processing.

In critical situations, additional Park Police assistance will he provided by day-work Park Police officers; notification must be made to the Patrol ODO, in the rare event that additional resources will be necessary.

Staging Area:

City of Bladensburg Town Hall.

Crowd Control Duties:

In the event of a mass arrest or civil disturbance situation the OIC will be notified, respond and take command of the situation. Park Police officers and partnering police agencies will stage at the Bladensburg Police Department. Should there be a need to move or disperse a crowd the horses will form at the front of the formation. Officers on foot will line up behind them. In such situations, any persons who attempt to harm any horses or officers shall be arrested. Motorcycle Officers shall respond to adjust traffic flow in a manner that creates a zone of safety for the public and responding officers.

Horses:

Horse Mounted Officers will be on site and available.

Civil Disorder:

Officers should follow the parameters of Divisional Directive PG 405.0 "Unusual Occurrences". Divisional Directive PG 400.0 Use of Force, Divisional Directive PG 403.0 Oleoresin Capsicum/OC spray.

Mass Arrest Plan:

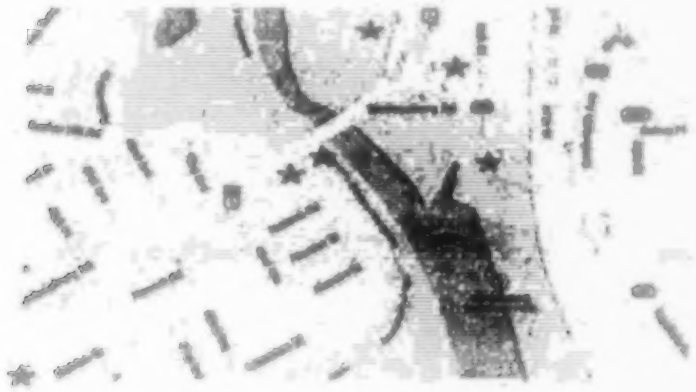
- OIC will be notified immediately when a mass arrest situation appears evident.
- Arrest Teams, responding units, and support personnel will stage at the Bladensburg Police Department.
- Deployment will be made by the OIC, unless otherwise directed.
- Arrest Teams and Transport Teams will be formed and assigned by the OIC, unless otherwise directed.
- Processing Teams will be established by the OIC or assigned supervisor
    - Divisional Directive PG 405.0-"Unusual Occurrences" will be followed.

Demonstrators' Locations

Baltimore Ave
Bladensburg Rd
Annapolis Rd
Fields of Peace Cross

Demonstrators' Parking Options

Place	Address
National News	4331 Bladensburg Road, Colmar Manor
Crossroads Bar	4103 Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg
Old Port of Bladensburg Community Park	4430 Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg
Levee (Between the river and National News)	4300 block Bladensburg Road, Colmar Manor
Colmar Manor Community Park (lower fields)[2]	*3508 38th Avenue, Colmar Manor*



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45th St
48th St

Bunker Hill Rd
Parkwood Ct
41st Ave
42nd Ave
43rd Ave
40th Pl
Bladensburg Rd
Newark Rd
Newton St
Lawrence St
Monroe St
Kenilworth Ave
Quincy Pl
Bladensburg Waterfront Park
___ Tributary Trail System

EXHIBIT 34

EMAILS FROM CITIZENS SUPPORTING
BLADENSBURG CROSS
VARIOUS DATES

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From:	Greg Spangler <spanglerg@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, September 11, 2012 4:30 PM
To:	Barney, Patti
Subject:	Peace Cross
Categories:	PEACE CROSS – eDISCOVERY

Ms. Barney, My name is Greg Spangler and am a life long resident of the State of Maryland. I'm writing you to express my disappointment with the Commission's consideration of the removal of the Peace Cross to appease this quasi atheist group. The Peace Cross has a deep spiritual value as well as being a significant historical landmark to many voters in the State. Failure by the Commission to adequately represent the electorate regarding this issue can only lead to negative results in upcoming elections to Commission Members.

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: Ross <rcurro@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 4:50 PM
To: Barney, Patti
Subject: Peace Cross
Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

LEAVE THE CROSS ALONE !

This Nation doesn't cater to commies, do you?

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: JOSEPH APICHELLA <joevette@embarqmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:13 PM
To: Barney, Patti
Subject: JOE APICHELLA
Categories: PEACE CROSS – eDISCOVERY

I LIVED IN MARYLAND FOR 42 YEARS AND TAUGHT SCHOOL 30 OF THOSE YEARS. THE CROSS AT PEACE CROSS MUST STAY AND WE HAVE TO START STANDING UP TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS. MANY OF OUR PRESIDENTS WHO WERE PUBLIC SERVANTS AND

ESPECIALLY RONALD REGAN BELIEVED THE GOVERNMENT MUST BE UNDER GOD.

LET'S STOP THESE ATHIESTS FROM GETTING THEIR WAY; THEY WILL BE JUDGED BY GOD ONE DAY! THAT WILL BE TOO LATE TO SAY I'M SORRY!

THANKS JOE APICHELLA FORMALLY FROM BOWIE, MITCHELLVILLE AND EVENTUALLY CROFTON.

NOW A RESIDENT OF FLORIDA

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: robinwremax@gmail.com

Sent Monday, September 10, 2012 8:06 AM

To: Barney, Patti

Subject: Removal of Peace Cross

Categories: PEACE CROSS - eD1SCOVERY

Are you going to advocate tearing down the State Capitol next? Religious freedom is a basic belief of our country. It is part of history. Make your rules pertain to future monuments. Let the past alone! You cannot change history!

Sent from my iPad

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: tbear11719@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 12.22 PM

To: Barney, Patti

Subject: Peace Cross

Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

Ms. Barney

I received an email about the removal of this cross.

I was born and raised in the Washington, DC and Prince George's County area but moved away in 1980. However I still consider that area my "home". My brother, who passed away two years ago, is inturred in Ft. Lincoln cemetery. So you see I still have "strings" and friends in that area.

I would hate to see the cross taken down. It is history! If someone is offended by it they could just look another way! Personally, I am sick of people being "offended" by this type of commoration. I am "offended" by a lot of things but if I think it has special meaning to someone and it is harming no one then I just look away. This country was founded on GOD and those who are "offended' by that, well too bad!!!

Tell whoever wants to tear the Peace Cross down that a majority of people want it left standing, that it is a historical marker, so to speak, and should be left alone.

It is time the quiet majority stood up and spook for them-selves.

I hope this will help with your cause.

Sincerely,

Elaine Lynch
Boones Mill, VA
formerly of Washington. DC; University Park,
Mt Rainer & Hyattsville, MD

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: Bill Woodside <bill.woodside@e-hps.com

Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2012 11:10 AM

To: Barney, Patti

Subject: The Peace Cross

Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

Patti... I grew up in Hyattsville, not far from the cross. I have memories of walking there with my family to see in under water in the 50's from one of the floods. Please do what you can to preserve the right to keep this cross in place. Younger generations need the reminders of what their ancestors sacrificed to maintain their freedoms. This nation was built on Christian values.

Bill Woodside
Relationship Manager
Heartland Payment Systems
859-331-2349—Office
859-802-0195-Cell
858-761-0261-Fax to my e-mail
bill woodside@e-hps.com

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: John Minor <johnminor123@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:03 AM

To: Barney, Patti

Subject: Fw: Historical Bladensburg Peace Cross Under Attack by The American Humanist Association

Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

Patricia,

This can not be allowed to happen. This is a memorial to those who died in WWI from our neighborhoods, in a country that was founded on Christian principles by Christian men. It was seen as normal then and should remain so now. We are tolerant of religious beliefs in this country, BUT, we should never allow the minority to overrule the foundations this country is/was founded on. When we do, we are no longer America. I served in our countries defense at the end of the 60's and am tired of the Politically-Correct harassment of American values. If they don't like American values, GO SOMEWHERE ELSE to live. You decided to come here on your own. Do Not try to make this your former country. GO BACK THERE and fix it. I believe as the Australians do...Live by our standards or LEAVE.

If this is removed, What is next? All of the religious symbols and the 10 Commandments from the Supreme Court?

This would be a dangerous precedent to start here....

The Historical Bladensburg Peace Cross Under Attack by The American Humanist Association is asking the Maryland National...

Capital Park and Planning Commission to remove the "Peace Cross," a World War I memorial in the form of a large Christian cross owned and maintained by the Commission on public property at the intersection of several major roads near the Washington. D.C. line.

In a letter dated Aug 22 2012, the American Humanist Association's Appignani Humanist Legal Center in-formed the Commission that courts have consistently found that the government cannot erect or maintain permanent crosses on public property without violating the Constitution's Establishment Clause, which requires separation of church and state.

(The full letter can be found here http://humanistlegalcenter.org/main/legal-center-seeks-removal-of-bladensburg.cross/)

"The cross is a Christian symbol and government should not be in the business of promoting religion. When government oversteps its bounds, as in this case it sends a negative message to those who don't hold Christian beliefs," said American Humanist Association Executive Director Roy Speckhardt, "A war memorial should be inclusive and recognize everyone's service and sacrifice. We owe it to our

veterans to replace this memorial with something more appropriate and universal."

This cross amounts to an unconstitutional government endorsement of Christianity on public land," said Bill Burgess attorney and legal coordinator of the American Humanist Associations Appignani Humanist Legal Cen-ter. "It is an exclusively Christian symbol that does not represent the sacrifice of non-Christian soldiers. Its prominent presence on public land leaves any observer with the notion that Christianity is exclusively favored and promoted by the government.

The Peace Cross, as it has become known was erected in 1922 with the support of a local American Legion post on land owned by the town of Bladensburg. The names of the 49 citizens of Prince George's County who died during the First World War are listed on a plaque on the platform on which the cross sits.

Recent court decisions unequivocally support the notion that clearly sectarian symbols on government proper-ty are unconstitutional. In 2011, a 43-foot cross that dominates the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, CA was ruled unconstitutional by the Ninth Cir-cuit Court of Appeals in 2010, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that crosses erected on public land along Utah highways to commemorate slain highway patrol officers were likewise unconstitutional. The Supreme Court rejected appeals in both cases.

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The American Humanist Association (www.americanhumanist org) advocates for the rights and viewpoints of humanists. Founded in

1941 and headquar-tered in Washington, D C., its work is extended through more than 150 local chapters and affiliates across America. Special thanks to the Louis J. Appignani Foundation and The Herb Block Foundation for their support of the Appignani Humanist Legal Center.

Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism, affirms our responsibility to lead ethical lives of value to self and humanity.

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The Memorial Peace Cross is an area landmark that has become synonymous with the historic town of Bladensburg. The Snyder-Farmer Post of the American Legion of Hyattsville erected the forty foot cross of cement and marble to recall the forty-nine men of Prince George's County who died in World War I. The first enlisted man from Prince George's to die in the line of duty (WW1) was George B. Farmer. The cross was dedicated on July 13, 1925, by the American Legion. A bronze tablet at the base of the monument contains the unforgettable words of Woodrow Wilson: The right is more precious than the peace; we shall fight for the things we have always carried nearest our hearts; to such a task we dedicate ourselves. At the base of the monument are the words, Valor, Endurance, Courage, Devotion. At its heart, the cross bears a great gold star. The cross towers above the convergence of Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg Road and Annapolis Rd. The Memorial is also situated near the WWII, Korean and Vietnam Memorials for those who gave the supreme sacrifice in Prince George's County for our Country. The memorial has endured allot in it's time including major floods from the nearby river. Due to it's loca-

tion at a major roadway junction, pollution and weather have shown some signs of wear to the Memorial. Fortunately, the memorial is maintained regularly and has had some major restoration and repair. The site is a major landmark in the Maryland, District of Columbia, Bladensburg basin. But most important of all, is the fact it's memorializes those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Big One, (Over Thier) World War I. Let us not forget!

Sitting at the intersection of Bladensburg Road, Baltimore Avenue and the National Defense Highway just over the border into Prince George's County is the Bladensburg Peace Cross, a forty-foot stone cross, notes those from Prince George's county who fought and died in World War I. Inscribed with their names, and the quote from Woodrow Wilson, "The right is more precious than peace. We shall fight for the things we have always carried nearest our hearts. To such a task we dedicate our lives," the monument is a towering landmark just outside the District.

The Bladensburg Peace Cross was erected by the citizens of Prince George's County in 1922, and was dedicated on July 13th, 1923. Ceremonies were held at the cross, and with the assistance fo the American Legion of Bladensburg, Snyder-Farmer post, which included survivors of The Great War, Fourth Maryland regiment. Representative Stephen W. Gambrel of Maryland spoke, lauding the efforts and honoring the sacrifice of those who died, saying: "You men of Prince Georges county fought for the sacred right of all to live in peace and security."

Please take a moment to shoot an email or write a letter to the Maryland National Capital Park and

Planning Commission over your displeasure in the removal of Peace Cross. This forum is strong. Make your voice heard Grass roots is the best we can do!

Here is the information:

Patricia Barney, Executive Director
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
6611 Kenilworth Avenue
Riverdale, MD 20737
and Adrian Garden, General Counsel
Patti. Barney@mncppc.org
See More

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From:	damdifino ‹damdifino@earthlink.net›
Sent:	Monday, September 10, 2012 9:6 AM
To:	Barney, Patti
Subject:	PEACE CROSS
Categories:	PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

MS. BARNEY I JUST RECEIVED EMAIL REGARDING THE PEACE CROSS AND WAS VERY SADDENED. I THINK THAT IN THIS TIME OF OUR COUNTRY BEING UNDER ATTACK FROM EVERY WACKO GROUP AND FOREIGN COUNTRY AND THE ECONOMY BEING WHAT IT IS THERE ARE FAR BETTER THINGS TO CORRECT. I GREW UP IN MARYLAND

(LANDOVER HILLS) AND BOTH MY PARENTS WORKED FOR MNCPPC FOR MANY YEARS ALSO.

THE CROSS WAS ALWAYS A REMINDER OF THE PEOPLE THAT FOUGHT FOR MY FREEDOM AND ALLOWED ME TO BE FREE FROM WORRY. IF THERE IS ANYTHING MNCPPC CAN DO TO STOP THIS MESS PLEASE DO SO.

IF YOU NEED MONEY TO FIGHT THIS PLEASE PUT A LETTER IN THE LOCAL PAPER SO PEOPLE CAN DONATE. I KNOW WE HAVE FREEDOMS IN THIS LAND THAT OTHER NATIONS DO NOT HAVE BUT WE DO NOT NEED TO STOOP TO THEIR LEVEL SO ALL CAN BE FAIR POLITICAL CORRECTNESS IS TAKING THIS COUNTRY DOWN THE DRAIN. LET'S TAKE A STAND AND STOP THIS.

SINCERELY:

CAREY JONES

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: skipjack -cskipjack@bellsouth.net)
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Barney, Patti
Subject: Peace Cross
Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

Ms Barney,

I can't believe that a group of educated people would look at a piece of U.S. History and say that it can't be maintained in public view. There is no religion that is offended by the Cross except the Muslims. They do not recognize any religion or Church or representation of Christianity. I grew up in Prince George County and remember my Grandfather talking about how the money was raised by various members of the County at that time. There was no mention of any religious organization being the major contributor. If the Peace Cross is an offence to the Constitution of the United States than I call your attention to the crosses that are mark the graves of the Brave American Men that were killed during WWII in France Look at the photos of the Graves at Normandy and the Crosses on the Grave stones in the photos of Arlington national Cemetery.

I am 71 years old and have two that between them have served the United States Military for 35 yrs & 18 yrs. This is just another attack on our civil liberties. Remember when the Arabs destroyed the enchant stone carvings of BUDA. Am I a bidets, No, do I feel that they had right to be there yes. This monument is just that a Monument to the memory of

the men that died in in WWI nothing more. These people would find fault with anything because it represents to them our respect for our Dead.

John M. Deck
3405 Menendez Ave
Fort Pierce, Fl 34947

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: ChicoGarland@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2012 8:10 AM
To: Barney, Patti
Subject: Peace Cross
Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

It is sad to hear that we may loose the cross that has meant so much to the people of Prince George's County and the Americans who have lost loved one during battle keeping our country safe.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Owen Garland

LEWIS, KIRA CALM, EMAIL

From: PublicAffairs
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 9:19 AM
To: Lewis, Kira Calm
Subject: FW: FYI

Hi Kira,

Just forwarding you another email that was sent to the Public Affairs email inbox.

-Jessica

From: Nathan Solomon [mail-to:snowflake0446@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 12:30 AM
To: Public.Affairs
Subject: FYI

Public Affairs,

I'm aware of the suit against PG county for having a cross on public property. I would like to mention to you, that there are Americans who know what that cross stands for in this case. It stands for the fallen men of PG county who gave their lives to protect us and all American's. If you allow this Atheist to now, after 10's of decades, due to his "discomfort", remove this monument, you will have denigrated those fallen soldiers' legacy as well as every American who knows of the sacrifice that these men gave. They gave the last full measure and it is up to you now to stand with them and for their memories. Please don't think of this as some piece of rock, I'm sure if it were shaped in the fashion of a wreath there would be no

problem. However, that's not the case. The families of these men as well as those in PG county history made this monument in a specific design, with a specific purpose...to remember these soldiers.

You are not responsible for the ideas someone gets when they see something that emotionally hurts them. Well, let's put it this way, the Political Correctness Police are out in force and have won many cases against many people. Each of these cases have hurt the American people in ways that you now can see clearly. This is a ludicrous suit. But because US history is now repute with law cases where emotionally offended people win, we have all, indeed, lost. And we will continue to lose, until those of us who know better stand up.

Perhaps the PG county Public Affairs office can send this man who is filing suit to a counselor. There he can learn about something called "Boundaries', that allows a person to not be hurt by an idea. He can use Didactic Behavioral Therapy (DBT) to decrease his sensitivity to the cross. It has certainly worked for me in decreasing the hurt I experienced when I was sexually harassed by a Federal Government supervisor.

You might want to ask this man, "Why does this particular symbol bother you?", 'What is it about it that causes you discomfort'?" I think you'll find that he believes the cross references religion. But it doesn't. It represents death of Jesus Christ and the after-life. Though many religions use this symbol it Is not because any of them "own" it. It is, therefore, not religious in that it is not part of the structure In a church. It is simply a symbol of a faith. That faith is not a religion. It is a faith. A belief in the after-

life. A belief that there is a heaven. It is not a belief in a particular church or religious structure. A gold ring is a symbol of a union between man and woman when placed on the left-hand ring-finger. Without the belief that it something more, it is simply a very expensive compression fitting, a hunk of metal shaped in the shape of a circle.... nothing more. It is the belief by the two people who wear it that make it so much more than it is. Same with the cross. It is only more to those of us who believe that it is more. However, it Is not owned by any Church. It Is not part of any religious structure. It is simply a symbol.

In this particular case, this is also not Church Invading the State. There was no Church behind this. Therefore, there is no cause for alarm as this is not a situation where a "Church" has Invaded or even come close to the "State" nor does it in any way Influence it.

I am watching and I guess we'll see what happens. But in the end, if he wins, we all lose.

Sincerely,

Nathan Solomon
Ellicott City, Maryland.

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From:	Connie Carnahan <connieboo1@hotmail.com
Sent:	Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:46 AM
To:	Barney, Patti
Subject:	Historical Bladensburg Peace Cross Under Attack by The American Humanist Association
Categories:	PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

To:

Patricia Barney, Executive Director
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
6611 Kenilworth Avenue
Riverdale, Maryland 20737

and Adrian Garden, General Counsel

From:
Connie Carnahan
2839 Jenks Avenue
Panama City, Florida 32405
connieboo1@hotmail.com

First I should explain myself. I was born and raised in Prince George's County, Maryland, and was born at PG Hospital, as were both of my children who are now adults. I am 62 years old.

I went to St. Ambrose Catholic School and later transferred to St. Mary's Catholic School. In the 7th

Grade I begged my parents to let me go to public school. I went to Bladensburg, Jr. High, and later graduated from Bladensburg High School in the Class of 1967.

I should mention before starting class we had prayer. The Our Father, and we saluted the American Flag and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

I was in 7th grade when President Kennedy was assassinated, and in the afternoon we were sent home early from school, after the Principal made a tearful announcement of what had happened. As young as we were most students were stunned to the very core and walked to their destination in shock and disbelief. The entire Nation wept. The Government workers were sent home with no date to 'return to work." Churches of every Faith opened their doors for mourners. The Nation mourned for several weeks. A Historical Moment for all Americans.

When Martin Luther King was Assassinated I lived in Bladensburg. As the riots began in DC we all headed out to Rhode Island Avenue to the gun shops to buy guns. We were too late, the President issued an order that all Gun Shops immediately shut down and get out of town. Martial Law was established and we had curfews. Military Police were on every corner for at least a month. The riots began with shootings and looting of many stores. We watched from home on the Television as 4 city blocks in the District of Columbia burned for what seem liked forever. The rioters would not let the Fire Department in to squelch the fires. We witnessed mayhem in the real. Another Historical Moment.

George Wallace was shot in the parking lot where my children and I bowled. More mayhem. Another Historical Moment.

Everyone was glued to the TV watching Watergate unfold. I would say another Historical Moment.

When I was in High School we watched our friends graduate and then were drafted in to the Military. There was Boot Camp and upon completion were deployed to Viet Nam. These tine young men were 18 years old. The Vietnam War was difficult to say the least. Our fine young men fighting in the jungles of Vietnam. I remember the atrocities that no one was prepared for. I lost 4 of my classmates. Two of my friends, boots on the ground for only 2 days when they were killed in action. Some were held captive. The riots in DC against the war were not "peaceful.' My hrother served two tours and was wounded and had a plate in his head. He died recently, a young man, who never got over "being spit on as they came home." There were no Parades, there were no Celebrations when they came home. My brother wore that pain until the day he died. He was not unique. My older brothers did tours in Nam. When they came home they had no "affect" for a very long time. The Vietnam Veterans came home after fighting a war without any understanding of why "we were there." Another Historical Moment.

My parents worked for HUD and drove by or in the water by Peace Cross five days a week. I probably did to, taking my children to see all of our Monuments and Institutes including the National Zoo. When we visited my Grandmother who lived in Arlington, Virginia we passed the Iwo Jima Monument. We were taught to embrace our culture.

If the Peace Cross is bulldozed, or altered because of efforts of some radical group, that will just be the beginning. Every Monument in DC has a Christian Scripture of some kind, some we can't see.

Please don't cave while this matter is being considered and probably will end up in litigation. The people of Bladensburg are very special. Patriotic and would help anyone in need. My Generation witnessed many Historical Moments. Some, right out of high school were drafted and fought in a Country where there were no human rights. In wartime and peace. These men saw atrocities of the highest order and came home to picketers spiting on them.

An American Legion Post had the idea for "Peace Cross" They were Patriots. Please fight the good fight.

Sincerely,

Connie I. Carnahan

LEWIS, KIRA CALM, EMAIL

Lewis: Kira Calm
From: Public.Affairs
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 4:00 PM
To: Lewis, Kira Calm
Subject: FW: Bladensburg Peace Cross

Hi Kira,

Just forwarding you an email that was sent to the Public Affairs email inbox.

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Thank you for your time.

Deb Schwalenberg
(former MD resident)

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From:	Public.Affairs
Sent:	Thursday, March 06, 2014 2:52 PM
To:	Lewis, Kira Calm
Subject:	FW: [POSSIBLE SPAMJ Peace Cross Helping Suggestion
Importance:	Low
Follow Up Flag:	Follow-Up
Flag Status:	Completed
Categories:	PEACE CROSS eDISCOVERY
From:	S. Hunter Smith [mail-to:shuntersmith.proudamerican@gmail.com]
Sent:	Thursday, March 06, 2014 10:51 AM
To:	PublicAffairs
Subject:	[POSSIBLE SPAM] Peace Cross Helping Suggestion
Importance:	Low

To whom it may concern,

I am aware that a group has tiled legal documents requesting the removal of the Peace Cross in Bladensburg, MD. I believe the cross should stay where it is and ask that you consider fighting the request. I am very upset that our Country is being

systematically dismantled by people who seem bent on changing or disguising our Nation's military and religious history. I have watched as similar stories occurred across this great Nation, but now the fight is here in Maryland. Maryland, a State that was once known as the MOST Catholic State in the Nation! It is time to fight these people with tactics unlike has been tried in other locations.

I understand that funds may be limited to fight against a very motivated group such as the American Humanist Association. So, I am offering a few possible solutions for you to consider.

1) Is there any documentation regarding the **religious beliefs of the soldiers whose names are on the memorial**? If they were all Christians, and that can be legally upheld, then the shape of the memorial rightly represents those soldiers beliefs. You may use my quote below that is part of my Blog and Facebook post that is dated today March 3, 2014:

"If the Memorial is in the shape of a symbol that reflects the Religious Beliefs of those soldiers whose names are inscribed upon it, it can not, therefore, be described as a "Religious Symbol", but rather a **War Memorial that Properly Reflects Who These Men Were**. It should therefore remain where it is out of respect for these men and what they sacrificed for the Nation, including the **Freedom of All People to speak for or against the government, religion or any other topic**. By removing it, the message to those soldiers, their families, the community, and our future generations becomes one of disrespect and disgrace. That those who fight for our Nation, no matter what they believe, fight and die for a Nation that cares not for what they fought for, but

rather they fight and die so the Rights and Freedom's of this Nation may be disintegrated and dismantled one step at a time. Do not spit in the faces of our Soldiers, honor them, honor who they are, who they were and what they fought to protect!"

2) As a second solution, speak, with the shop owners in the village. It appears they are very concerned about this memorial being moved. Ask them, confidentially, if they would, as a group, be interested in purchasing the property and accepting the up-keep responsibilities. By selling the property and therefore the Memorial, the ownership shifts to "Private" land status and can then be used to display whatever the owners choose to place there.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss expanding these ideas and possibly developing some other alternative avenues toward keeping the memorial in place. Our Nation's TRUE History is in danger of being changed and hidden away from future generations. Let's work to preserve what our Soldiers died for, Freedom!

–

Steve (S, Hunter) Smith
www.SHunterSmith.com
410-218-7152

"Life has presented to me many challenges. Having been bullied and attempting suicide, four times, as a result of that bullying, has provided me a perspective on the issue of bullying that few may ever fully understand." —S. Hunter Smith (After being asked a question about his upcoming book, Nearly Bullied to Death; Living My Life)

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 41.1 PM
To: Lewis, Kira Calm
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http://www.milltaryfreedom.org/

If you need to, take this all the way to the supreme court. Show the world what kind of people these are, and what kind of people were that fell for that town, our Country, and our God. These people are cowards. And they travel in packs like hyenas. Once they see they can't defeat you easily, they move on.

They like weak victims in small towns with limited funds. The suing party lived there 12 years without complaining. Now all of a sudden that suing religion, and killing God is hot amongst millennials, they do this to hurt you and help their cause, while removing God and Jesus from our lives. It's merely a game to them. Don't let them win. Don't let someone cheat to beat.

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You have rights too. Remember that. You are protected under the Constitution. It was built for you, not them. Christians have rights. God rules this country. Not left wing God hating homosexual atheists trying to destroy it like cancer. These people have no shame. Don't be afraid to fight back, like those men fought back for our Country. Your enemy this time is the atheists, and you're Government. Don't back down from it. If all else fails, donate the land to a private party, and then let 3 or 4 young conservative kids mow it, and the town to take care of it, and shove it back in the faces of the lazy,

non productive homosexual atheists that are just here for free ride, and to destroy your freedoms.

Need more backup, knowledge, and strength? Read these articles, and the comments sections. They are filled with valuable Information to help aid in the fight for your God given Constitutional rights:

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/mar/12/sekulow-dismantling-the-cross-dishonors-the-fallen/

http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/humanists-suing-tear-cross-shaped-world-war-memorial-article-1.1707263

HARVIN, TRACEY, EMAIL

From: TheNeff <theneff@usa.net>

Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 7:18 AM

To: Barney, Patti

Cc: Dave Allen: Fabrizio Balestri; Bob Berglund: Charlie Choux; Clairese Choux; cyust@cfl.rr.com; Don Delaporte: eric.w.eichelberger@IMco.com; Clyde Hayner; Linda Hagan Hosey; janeb723@aol.com; jmprincipe@aol.com; jmurrayrnd@yahoo.com; kenneff79@yahoo.com; Paul Loisel: lukecrofoot@yahoo.com, Mike Mercurio: pauls-bunions69@aol.com; ste-

phen Powell: ren5409@aol.com: Susan Ruckman: sdelaporte@nc.rr.com; Barb Stodghill; Diane Stodghill: Bobwnuk

Subject: Save, Honor and Preserve Peace Cross

Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

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2100 Hedgerow Drive
Merritt Island, Fl 32953

Patricia Barney -- Executive Director
Maryland National Parks and Planning Commission
6611 Kenilworth Ave.
Riverdale, MD 20737

Sept. 7, 2012

Ms. Barney,

This correspondence is in support and preservation of PEACE CROSS, a World War I Memorial of fallen hero's of Prince Georges County.

Let me say with confidence, that those of us who support the preservation of this memorial feel that the removal and destruction of said memorial as requested by The American Humanist Association, would be nothing short of a Capital Crime, perpetrated by a minority few of Hate Mongers. The memorial was built with the minds and hands of people desiring to pay honor and respect for 49 citizens of Prince Georges County who gave their lives for freedom in Europe. An act of love and respect that is a mutual character of many a people, regardless of religion, color or creed. The memorial has not hurt, demonized, or in any way thrust defa-

mation of character on a single person for the 90 years of it's presents in view of millions passing by. As a former resident of Prince Georges County, who drove by the memorial many times, in doing so, when looking up at the magnificent cross, my spirit always felt a calm and security, that lasted with me the entire day.

Like Adolf Hitler and the Nazi's that nearly destroyed Europe in World War II, the obvious goal of The American Humanist Association is to spread their hate and disrespect for good people and their good deeds. To remove the memoria desecrates the valor of the 49 citizens that gave their life for others being oppressed by tyrants.

The American humanist Association's position that this memorial is in violation of the U.S. Constitution, as declared by other hate mongers as well, is seriously in error and shows the Ignorance of American History, and the purpose of the article of the Constitution known as Separation of Church and State. In real life, the authors of our Constitution created this article of law for one purpose and one purpose only. And that was to STOP the massive influence and power of the Church of England, (and other Church powers throughout Europe) from injecting their unrelenting power, and all to many times medaling in government and it's workings. For hundreds of years, the power of the Church was the power of the land...absolute. And as history shows, all to often that power was corrupt and adverse to the masses of a country. No church organization or power designed and built Peace Cross. Veterans built that monument. If Constitutional Law is to be debated in this issue, then it's high time the history and meaning of

the Separation of Church and State be researched, understood and supported. The American Humanist Association's desires violates the majority rights per other articles of the Constitution known as the Freedom of Religion and the Constitution's of Freedom of Speech articles. One might want to notice my underlining of Majority Rights. Our Supreme Law of the Land and creation of American is based on Majority Rights, as in Europe and elsewhere in the world, nations were controlled by a minority few people. Care to understand my point here.... The wrongful and immoral ruling of the nation of South Africa was held by a minority few, for hundreds and hundreds of years, until the dusk of the 20th Century. Looking even today, Saudi Arabia is controlled by a minority of few, a mere family. Our nations forefathers understood this and created our great nation where the Majority of our nation's people not only ruled based on democratic elections but also with Rights framed by the Constitution.

In summary, the position of The American Humanist Association is that of a minority of people whose position in life is to spread hate and discord in our nation. Although minorities in our nation have rights, our nation is a nation created with Constitutional structure of Majority Rule. The American Humanist Association's position for removal and destruction of PEACE CROSS is not only that of a minority mindset but their position also tramples of the Constitutional Articles of the Constitution known as Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Religion for the majority of our nation.

As a member of the majority in this matter, [request that the demand from The American Humanist

Association be set aside and that the veterans memorial known as Peace Cross continue to stand and honor the 49 citizens of Prince Georges County that gave their lives for us in World War I.

Gary E. Neff

Merritt Island, Fl

February 28, 2014

MARYLAND PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION
Executive Office Building
6611 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 103
Riverdale, Maryland 20737

RE: U. S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND CASE NO. cv-14-550

This is purely a case of religious intolerance and must not be allowed to prevail. Peace Cross has been a part of my personal memories for over fifty years and it would traumatize me should it fall victim to the supposed pain it is said to inflict on people driving by. This lovely memorial stands for the sacrifice made by citizens fighting in "the war to end all wars". I only wish that their deaths could have accomplished that goal. This attempt to silence its message reminds me of the barbaric Afghan Taliben destroying the ancient Buddha statues from the 3rd century A.D. because of their fanaticism.

We are constantly told that we must he tolerant of the views of others and that we must accept and applaud the differences that make us Americans. Yet the views and beliefs of Christians and Jews arc Fair game for people with no spiritual convictions. We apparently are the only unprotected class left and can be victimized by the bigotry of secular activists at any time.

/s/ Gloria Moyer

Gloria Moyer
17 Mallard Drive West
Ocean Pines, MD 21811

From: Charles Gannon [drychuck9387@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 1:04 PM
To: Thomas L Davis
Subject: Fwd. Sign Petition to save Peace Cross

To all,

Please pass this along.

Chuck

---Original Message---
From: Cheverly AmericanLegion <cheverlyamericanle-gion@yahoo.com>
To: Steven82 Steven82@aol.com
Sent: Sun. 16, 2012 10:31 pm
Subject: Sign Petition to save Peace Cross

As everyone has heard - there is a movement to have Peace Cross taken down. Please go to this site (if you want to help save Peace Cross) and sign the petition. It only takes 2 minutes. Please forward this around - this is just an example of how crazy this country is getting.

http://www.change.org/petitions/maryland-national-capital-park-and-planning-commission-save-the-historical-bladensburg-peace-cross-war-memorial

For GOD and Country,

Steven

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Sincerely,
Verna Ball
PG County Resident
30I-292-405Q

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If you take the story of those soldiers, a town vote, and the change.org petition to the supreme court with vengeance, and show that the country is slapping the face of America, religious Freedom, seniority, the Constitution, and the faces of thousands over a few, it will make them look like heels. How can the cross represent the whole state when it disappears once out of of eyesight? The farthest it can stretch is

to where your vision ends. Which is nowhere near the entire state. When 49 atheists are ready to die for the removal of that cross like the 49 men died for it, the I'd say they can have their request. Until then, it's not their problem.

You have rights too. Remember that, You are protected under the Constitution. It was built for you, not them. Christians have rights. God rules this country. Not left wing God hating homosexual atheists trying to destroy it like cancer. These people have no shame. Don't be afraid to fight back, like those men fought back for our Country. Your enemy this time is the atheists, and you're Government. Don't back down from it. If all else fails, donate the land to a private party, and then let 3 or 4 young conservative kids mow it, and the town to take care of it, and shove it back in the faces of the lazy, non productive homosexual atheists that are just here for free ride, and to destroy your freedoms.

HARVIN, TRACEY EMAIL

From: Pesses, Anita

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:57 AM

To: Public.Affairs

Subject: RE: Peace Cross Coming Down?

Categories: PEACE CROSS - eDISCOVERY

Yes, he wrote to me, too.

Give him the same answer we gave the others.

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From: Public.Affairs

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:56 AM

To: Pesses, Anita

Subject: FW: Peace Cross Coming Down?

This must be from my friend Mark Conto!

From: Mark [mailto:ltmjc212@aol.com

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 8:15 PM

To: Public.Affairs

Subject: Peace Cross Coming Down?

Mindy and/or Public Affairs Staff;

Hopefully the Office of the General Counsel is going to vigorously fight this effort (if in fact, this is a real possibility) in defending the Peace Cross as a memorial to those Prince Georges County residents who fought and died in World War I, not as a religious symbol on public use M-NCPPC property.

Is this under serious review?

...If you've ever driven into Bladensburg, Maryland, you've likely seen the 40-foot-tall Peace Cross, which since 1922 has commemorated the residents of Prince George's County that fought and died in World War I.

But now, reports WJLA, an atheist organization wants the cross removed:

[T]he American Humanist Association, a national organization that promotes a philosophy of values and equality for humanists, atheists and agnostics, wants the cross taken down. They say that having a religious symbol on land owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 'violates the separation at church and state, "It's on government property and that sends a message that Christianity is preferred by the government." Bill Burgess, the legal counsel for the American Humanist Association, said, "I'd like them to agree to just take it down."

Veterans groups led by the American Legion are livid at the mere mention of the idea, saying that the cross merely serves as a memory of those who died in the Great War.

The American Humanist Association has given two weeks for the cross to be removed before it takes its complaints to court.

Consider signing the petition below if you support the historical significance in recognizing the Peace Cross as a memorial to those Prince George's County residents who fought and died in World War I, not as a religious symbol.

Here is the link for the petition:

https://www.change.org/petitions/maryland-national-capital-park-and-planning-commission-save-the-historical-bladensburg-peace-cross-war-memorial ...

Mindy - your pal;

Monto

LEWIS, KIRA CALM EMAIL

From: Fisher, Laura

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 8:34 AM

To: Lewis, Kira Calm; Dickerson, William; Pesses, Anita

Subject: FW: Prince Georges County WWI Memorial

Laura Fisher

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From: George Robinson [mailto:grobinson07@snet.net]

Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 10:41 PM

To: Heip45Smartlink

Subject: Prince Georges County WWI Memorial

Sir/Ma'am,

This letter is about the controversy surrounding the Prince Georges County WWI Memorial.

After reading the disturbing story about a very small group of individuals who have nothing to do but to distort the very foundation of Humanity in this Country, I decided to write you a note to see if there is an easier way to work this out. Would it be possible to sell the piece of property that the Memorial sits on to a private citizen? By selling just the very small piece of property it sits on, the state would no longer be responsible for people complaining about alleged violations of the 1st Amendment.

I hope this helps as the Heroes that this monument recognize cannot truly rest in peace with such nonsense going on.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

George C Robinson

Pugnant cum dignitate moriamur potius, quam imperio nostro in servitute.

LEWIS, KIRA CALM EMAIL

From: Pesses, Anita
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 6:07 AM
To: Ramos, Wanda
Cc: Lewis, Kira Calm
Subject: RE: [PrinceGeorges_Discussion] Re: WaPo: Bladensburg peace cross sparks legal war; story goes national fast

Thanks, Wanda.

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From: Ramos, Wanda
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 6:04 AM
To: Pesses, Anita
Subject: Fwd [PrinceGeorges_Discussion] Re: WaPo: Bladensburg peace cross sparks legal war; story goes national fast

Just sharing

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

-----Original Message-----
Subject: [PrinceGeorges_Discusslon] Re: WaPo: Bladens-burg peace cross sparks legal war; story goes national fast
From: Andy Carruthers obsrvr@comcast.net
To: Observer <obsrvr@comcast.net>
CC:

Well, now: it turns out Greenbelt resident Fred Edwards is actually one of the plaintiffs suing M-NCPPC here In Prince George's, claiming to be offended (mortally or venially, I wonder) by the Peace Cross.

This from the lawsuit:

Fred Edwords ("Mr. Edwords) is a resident of [Greenbelt in] Prince George's County, Maryland, and a member of AHA. Mr. Edwords has had unwelcome contact with the Bladensburg Cross on several occasions and objects to the governmental promotion of and affiliation with religion it embodies. ***Mr. Edwords does not wish to encounter the Bladensburg Cross in the future.***

Source:
http://americanhumanist.org/system/storage/2/3f/o/5030/Bladensburg_Cross_-_Complaint.pdf (emphasis supplied)

"Unwelcome contact"?| Sure sounds like Edwords is accus-ing the Bladensburg Peace Cross of sexual harassment. Before litigating, has he first tried direct dialogue with the allegedly offending icon?

Of course, since the county chair of the ACLU, Lowell Owens, lives in Greenbelt, too; and given the ACLU's propensity for threatening litigation in (and

toward) Green-belt; perhaps ACLU will join Edwords' Greenbelt lawsuit on the basis of sexual harassment, if not on more natural, intuitive anti-religious grounds. ACLU - R U out there?

Truly, though, if, as claimed, Edwords and co-plaintiffs do "not wish to encounter the [Peace] Cross in the future," I've got a few terse but respectful options which follow, all of which are far cheaper than litigation:

1) https://www.google.com/maps/

2) Avert your gaze.

3) Find a good therapist. (I might could recommend some.)

4) Find God; (s)he's amenable...and likely offers cheaper hourly rates than most local therapists.

(If you wanted, Mr. Edwords, you might start #4 by attending the popular religious services held most every Sunday inside the public high school (Eleanor Roosevelt) right across the street from your home in Greenbelt! Or most other high schools In this county AFAIK. One might even accept your donations in the basket as penance of a sort! ;-) Think what you could save in lawyers?! But absolution cannot be bought, I must caution you, even if indulgences have been on sale from time to time!)

In the end, I wonder this: When does contempt for religion become so consuming (scroll down to Edwords) that it becomes just a new kind of zealotry ?

--A

Andy Carruthers

On 3/3/2014 7:34 PM, Andy Curruthers wrote:
Not quite clear why the need to sue now after almost a century.

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LEWIS, KIRA CALM

From: Public.Affairs

Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 9:42 AM

To: Lewis, Kira Calm

Subject: FW: Bladensburg Peace Cross

Good Morning Kira,

Just forwarding you another email concerning the Bladensburg Peace Cross. I apologize If I am bombarding your inbox with these inquiries. Would you like me to forward them to anyone else?

-Jessica

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From: PbPled@aol.com [mailto:PbPled@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 6:11 PM
To: Public.Affairs; MCP-CR; Berger, Howard; Sams, Daniel; Stachura, Frederick
Subject: Bladensburg Peace Cross

Please forward this to the Legal Department/General Counsel's Office.

Because this is a Federal lawsuit Issue, it concerns not only the residents of Prince George's County and the great state of Maryland, but of the entire citizenry of The United Stales of America.

Reference Washington Times, 3/4/2014

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/mar/4/humanists-fight-remove-cross-shaped-world-war-I-me/

My Letter to the Editor:

It was not so long ago that pretty much everyone in the world who had a functioning brain was absolutely appalled when the Taliban dynamited two 1700 years old Buddha statues carved into a cliff face. We who appreciate the historical significance of such objects were shocked by the lack of understanding and tolerance shown by a few fanatics.

Those who advocate the actions which are described in Tuesday's article are foisting their current interpretation of societal norms on something which represents a slice of history. What they fail to consider is that a monument like this one was constructed based on the prevailing social and community standards at the time it was built. As such, it should be judged only through that lens. To do otherwise is to question the good faith and patriotism of all who were involved in the concept, design, approval, construction, and dedication of the memorial. Add in all of those local citizens who, at the time, were pleased and proud that their fallen were to be remembered in such a reverent fashion.

The lawsuit, and others like it in other locations, would seem to seek revision in the diary of steps taken from the inception of our country to where we are today. Re-judging all public works from the prior two centuries via today's standards does no service to anyone, past, present, or yet to live and breathe.

What is at stake is not whether it would be proper to build a memorial which may have a religious inference with public/secular funds today. Indeed, what hangs in the balance is deciding whether our fore-fathers acted in some un-American or socially unjust manner in the time soon after the first world war.

Those who would have this, or any similar memorial altered, relocated, or even destroyed, do a disservice to all who came before we who currently claim citizenship. And also to all future generations which would be deprived of the history such monuments were built to speak to.

How do they compare? Condemnation of a perceived religious symbol as being idolatrous, like the Taliban's altitude in Afghanistan? Or condemnation of a perceived religious symbol based on a "No Preference" claim that such a monument indicates inequality, or a mingling of church and state? Are they really different concepts, or just renamed versions of the same intolerant attitude?

Alan Sheldler
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LEWIS, KIRA CALM EMAIL

From: Glenn Evers <eversgr@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 6:26 PM

To: Lewis, Kira Calm

Subject: Re: Peace Cross in PG county

Dear Kira Calm Lewis,

There is no trade mark on the shape of the cross as being Christian. In fact governments can hijack religious shapes for their own purposes. E.g., The nazi swastika was taken from the religious bent cross which can be found on ancient Christian churches. See Swastika symbols on the Church of Christ Pantocrator (13th-14th century) in Nesebar. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wili/Swastika

If all else fails, I suggest painting the top portion of the cross red. As in an equally proportioned RED Cross. This will symbolize the men who wore the red cross to save lives but still preserve the overall shape ☺. This is a Gotcha!

God bless you,
Glenn Evers
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LEWIS, KIRA CALM EMAIL

From: Public.Affairs
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 9:34 AM
To: Lewis, Kira Calm
Subject FW: Peace Cross

Hi Kira,

Just forwarding you an email that was sent to the Public Affairs email inbox.

-Jessica

From: Brenda Young [mail-to:byoung@thekellycompanies.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 8:58 AM
To: Public.Affairs
Subject: Peace Cross

Parks and Recreation Prince George's County
6600 Kenilworth Avenue
Riverdale, MD 20737

Save the Historical Bladensburg Peace Cross War Memorial

Please do not let The American Humanist Association take this HISTORICAL piece of history away! -

The Memorial Peace Cross is an area landmark that has become synonymous with the historic town of Bladensburg. The Snyder-Farmer Post of the American Legion of Hyattsville erected the forty foot cross of cement and marble to recall the forty-nine men of Prince George's County who died in World War I. The first enlisted man from Prince George's to die in the line of duty (WWI) was George B. Farmer. The cross was dedicated on July 13, 1925, by the American Legion. A bronze tablet at the base of the monument contains the unforgettable words of Woodrow Wilson: The right is more precious than the peace; we shall fight for the things we have always carried nearest our hearts; to such a task we dedicate ourselves. At the base of the monument are the words, Valor, Endurance, Courage, Devotion. At its heart, the cross bears a great gold star.

The cross towers above the convergence of Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg Road and Annapolis Rd. The Memorial is also situated near the WWII, Korean and Vietnam Memorials for those who gave the supreme sacrifice in Prince George's County for our Country. The memorial has endured allot in its time including major floods from the nearby river. Due to its location at a major roadway junction, pollution and weather have shown some signs of wear to the Memorial. Fortunately, the memorial is maintained regularly and has had some major restoration and repair. The site is a major landmark in the Maryland, District of Columbia, Bladensburg basin. But most important of all, is the fact it's memorializes those who made the supreme sacrifice in World War I. Let us not Forget!

Sitting at the intersection of Bladensburg Road, Baltimore Avenue and the National Defense Highway just over the border into Prince George's County is the Bladensburg Peace Cross, a forty-foot stone cross, notes those from Prince George's county who fought and died in World War I. Inscribed with their names, and the quote from Woodrow Wilson, "The right is more precious than peace. We shall fight for the things we have always carried nearest our hearts. To such a task we dedicate our lives," the monument is a towering landmark just outside the District.

The Bladensburg Peace Cross was erected by the citizens of Prince George's County in 1922, and was dedicated on July 13th, 1923. Ceremonies were held at the cross, and with the assistance of the American Legion of Bladensburg, Snyder-Farmer post, which included survivors of The Great War, Fourth Maryland regiment. Representative Stephen W. Gambrill of Maryland spoke, lauding the efforts and honor-ing the sacrifice of those who died, saying: "You men of Prince Georges county fought for the sacred right of all to live in peace and security."

Sincerely,

Brenda Young

LEWIS, KIRA CALM EMAIL

From: Public.Affairs
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 1:13 PM
To: Lewis, Kira Calm
Subject: FW: Bladensburg Cross

Hi Kira,

The email below was sent to the Public Affairs email inbox. If you happen to respond to Mr. Johnston, you can you please remember to copy the Public Affairs box?

Thanks,

Jessica Logan

From: Steve Johnston [mail to:stevenjohnston9@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 12:17 PM
To: Public.Affairs
Subject: Bladensburg Cross

To Whom it May Concern,

Tell the Appignani Humanist Legal Center that Bladensburg is not actually a cross, that it is actually a sword planted in the ground, symbolizing the successful completion of the veterans mission. A sword is representative of a military weapon, and by it being planted in the ground, it represents the end of hostilities, and since it is in the ground, and not taken as war treasure, it represents victory. In other words, although the veterans gave the ultimate sacrifice, their mission was complete, and their side was victorious.

Respectfully,
Steve Johnston

LEWIS, KIRA CALM EMAIL

From: VEDA BLOUNT <vbmystery@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 10:01 AM
To: Lewis, Kira Calm
Subject: Our Peace Cross

Hello Ms. Lewis,

My name is Veda E. Blount, and I am a 15 year resident of Hyattsville, and was just reading on the FOX five news site about the "Humanists" launching a law suit to have our cross removed.

I am in support of our cross staying just where it is, just as it is. Yes, that cross has been there longer than I have been alive.

When I learned to drive, it was symbol to help me remember my route, and how close I was to home. There should be no problem with a symbol of "Peace" in this day and time. My biggest fear is the type of person who finds such a symbol insulting. My response is to tell them to move.

This is just another sign of the demise of our country, to folks who think because they don't like something, it should be moved.

This all sounds too familiar...prayer in schools comes to mind immediately. It look one woman to remove prayer from our schools because "she" found it offensive, and out of place. Of course now as everyone knows, we have replace that with guns, knives, violence and you name it. This is better because??

I wish to know from you what as a community can we do to keep our cross. Need we raise money to fight this group? I want to be involved in this cause, and so do a lot of my neighbors, neighbors by the way who have been long time Hyattsville residents. I am sure the survivors of those heroes honored on the cross have thoughts on this as well. Maybe if we got them involved to show the importance.

Also, I feel it is important that we let these groups know, that just because we stand in support of Peace, and our living statues, that we are not weak, and are fed up with their tactics that have absolutely nothing to do with the good of our city, country or world. It is simply their way of flexing their bullying muscles. It seems obvious to me that a symbol that has been present for 90 years didn't suddenly become an insult, so what will it be next month? Will the jewelry store on the next corner have to close because their window display shows a woman's neck with a gold cross for sale? It is frightening to know that in 2014, we have to fight for OUR freedom against these extremist groups, over a symbol of honor.

Again, please let me know what I as a resident of Hyattsville can do to support our Peace Cross.

Thank You,

Veda E, Blount

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Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

Fwd: Memorial in Veterans Park in Bladensburg, Maryland

Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 6:54 PM

Fred Edwords fredwords@unitedcor.org
To: Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

------Forwarded message------

From: **Rich** Harlan.richard.r@gmail.com
Date: Fri, Sep 26, 2014 at 8:49 PM
Subject: Memorial in Veterans Park in Bladensburg, Maryland
To: "fredwords@unitedcor.org" <fredwords@unitedcor.org>

Mr. Edwords,

How about you crawl back under the rock you came out from under and respect the first amendment rights of others. You and all the other liberal idiots out there have been knowingly twisting the idea of the separation of church and state for years and know it. We have a right to display the cross at the memorial in Veterans Park in Bladensburg, Maryland and where ever we want to. Funny how everyone from muslims to you atheists have rights protected by the first amendment but Christians don't. You and the rest of your liberal friends are just as big a hypocrites as people claim that Christians are. You really need to get your head out of the clouds, and study American history and the intentions of the founding fathers. Many of them were Christians.

Sent from my iPhone

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Fred Edwords
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Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

Fwd: UnitedCOR.org: National Site Contact Page Inquiry

Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 6:27 PM

Fred Edwords <fredwords@unitedcor.org>
To: Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

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From: **United Coalition of Reason** info@unitedcor.org
Date: Thu, May 29, 2014 at 7:26 PM
Subject: UnitedCOR.org: National Site Contact Page Inquiry
To: info@unitedcor.org

Submitted on Thursday, May 29, 2014 - 5:26pm
Submitted by anonymous user: [108.193.42.4]
Submitted values are:

Your Name: joe blow
Your Email: woodman789@aol.com
Subject: YOU
Message: AS A 28 YEAR VETERAN ALL I CAN SAY IS PLEASE QUIETLY GO FUCK YOURSELVES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

he results of this submission may be viewed at: http://unitedcor.org/node/138/submission/3957

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Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

Fwd: WWI cross

Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 6:26 PM

Fred Edwords fredwords@unitedcor.org
To: Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

------Forwarded message------

From: **Joe white** jrwte445@icloud.com
Date: Thu, May 29, 2014 at 3:49 PM
Subject: WWI cross
To: "fredwords@unitedcor.org" <fredwords@unitedcor.org>

Leave it alone you piece of trash. May God, yes GOD, have mercy on your soul. Even though you are heartless. That cross doesn't hurt anyone. It symbolizes peace.

Sent from my iPad

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Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

Fwd: Comment from web form

Thu, Jan 22, 2015 at 11:40 AM

Maggie Ardiente mardiente@americanhumanist.org
To: Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

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From: **Brian Magee**
bmagee@americanhumanist.org
Date: Thu, Jan 22, 2015 at 11:36 AM
Subject: Fwd: Comment from web form
To: Maggie Ardiente mardiente@americanhumanist.org

------Forwarded message------

From: **Comments @ AHA** comments@americanhumanist.org
Date: Mon, Sep 17, 2012 at 9:23 AM
Subject: Fwd: Comment from web form
To: Brian Magee bmagee@americanhumanist.org

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From: Ray Aaron's Ray3141@verizon.net
Date: Fri, Sep 14, 2012 at 5:09 PM
Subject: Comment from web form
To: comments@americanhumanist.org

Email Distribution:	General Questions and Comments
Date and Time:	09/14/2012 05:09 PM
Name:	Ray Aaron's
Email Address:	Ray3141@verizon.net

Comments:

Just read in the paper where your group is protesting a memorial in Bladensburg. WY to go. Keep up the good work. How dare them put up a religious symbol to honor our fallen troops. Who says that we should honor tem with religious symbol. Those lousy Christians. Who do thy think that they are anyway. Who cares if our Country was founded on a Christian way of life. Sure its ok to speak openly about safe sex, and the Government should pay for abortions. Let's have it all then. Let's start banning out currency that has God on it. Let's get rid of the bible in the Courts. Let's take down all the scriptures and anything that says or resembles God on any of our Government buildings. And while we are at it. Let's ban the Supreme Court from saying prayer before each session. Yes, lets do this and while we are at it why not beome a Communist Counrty too. They ban all forms of religious artifacts. Why the hell not. I will end this lengthily comment by saying a prayer for all of you. GOD BLESS OUR COUNTRY

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Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

Fwd: Your "mission"

Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 6:22 PM

Fred Edwords fredwords@unitedcor.org
To: Monica Miller mmiller@americanhumanist.org

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From: **Fred Edwords** <fredwords@unitedcor.org>

Date: Thu, May 29, 2014 at 8:57 AM

Subject: Re: Your "mission"

To: rlknight44@hotmal.com

Dear Richard,

I've received a lot of email on this but I'm stopping to respond to yours because, unlike the others, you seem sincerely open to getting a better understanding of the issues.

On Wednesday, May 28, 2014 - 11:14pm you wrote:

Your Name: Richard Knight

Your Email: rlknight44@hotmal.com

Subject: Your "mission"

Message:

Your website says that you believe "promoting informal cooperation among local groups". In view of the fact that you don't co-operate with religious organizations (which are local groups) about their

right to religious displays seems to make that statement a blatant lie, does it not?

We cooperate with many religious organizations, both Christian and non-Christian, that support our position. And we defend the constitutional right of people and organizations to erect religious displays on their own land. Therefore we aren't opposing anyone's right to religious displays.

Some of my ancestors came over on the Mayflower to escape being persecuted (or worse) by militant atheist people like you (and others)for the freedom to practice their religion (they were Quakers).

Some of my ancestors came over on the Mayflower as well. But you have your history wrong. None of them were persecuted by atheists. Atheists had no power in Christian Europe during the Protestant Reformation. They were persecuted too. Those on the Mayflower were non-mainstream Christians who were being persecuted by the state religion. There was no separation of church and state in England, and so our ancestors had to come to America's shores (by way of Holland) to find freedom. Because of this historic experience of my ancestors and yours, I stand opposed to state-sponsored religion. I admire instead the policies of Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island and another of my ancestors, who was the first of the colonists to advocate religious freedom for both majority and minority faiths.

Some of them fought under General Washington for the right for all of us to be free to believe what each of us believed.

And George Washington was a non-Christian free-thinking atheist who stopped going to church during his presidency when a minister chastised him public-

ly for refusing to take Holy Communion. (The famous prayer at Valley Forge is a forgery.) Thus he represented, personally, the Enlightenment values of reason, religious liberty, freedom of conscience, and secular government.

They did not want to force their brand of religion upon anyone else, they just wanted to be able to practice their faith without persecution.

I agree with that sentiment completely.

Your practice appears to be doing now exactly what they left Europe to get away from.

Our ancestors fled state religion in Europe. They opposed it there and I oppose it here. Therefore I am upholding their legacy by opposing a cross on state land.

Co-operation, religious tolerance and the right of everyone to exercise their own beliefs without fear of persecution is what made this country great. The light on the hill that billions of people used to want to come to for freedom.

I completely agree. And it is America's original and unique advocacy of separation of church and state that has made it all possible. This is what I uphold.

Intolerance and hate by groups like yours will eventually lead to violence as it always has in the last 5,000 years.

It isn't us you are describing here. Rather, you are describing those in the religious right who oppose us, who want Chris-tian hegemony, who think this is a "Christian nation" (what about Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and others?), and who want to

bring back the bad old days of theocracy. Yes, they really mean that. I read their literature quite often.

Maybe you should change your mission statement.

Our mission statement is consistent with everything we do. And although the United Coalition of Reason isn't part of this lawsuit (I am personally part of it, and the American Humanist Association is), we support a rigorous application of church-state separation in the interests of protecting religion from government and government from religion.

Remember, the cross in Bladensburg isn't the problem--only where it stands is. Because, you see, it stands on obvious government land and thereby gives the false impression of government favor of one religion over all others. Moreover, it fails to honor all of our veterans, only honoring Christian soldiers. In the interests of fairness to all faiths and those of no faith, this situation needs to be changed.

Thank you for your tolerance and understanding in reading this far. I hope I've clarified our position for you.

-- Fred

Fred Edwords

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Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

Fwd: web

Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 4:46 PM

Fred **Edwords** fredwords@unitedcor.org

To: Monica Miller <mmiller@americanhumanist.org>

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From: HygienistDebbie@aol.com

Date: Thu, Mar 6, 2014 at 12:15 AM

Subject: web

To: fredwords@unitedcor.org

Hello,

I am a Christian that loves the Lord with all my heart, mind, and spirit. The Lord works through people to touch other people's lives and that is why I am contacting you today. I am a 51 year old woman with a very heavy heart. I am so saddened by what this nation has become. I think if you were honest with yourself, you too would agree that this nation is not what it was even 10 or 15 years ago. People want to fight for what they want, not what is in the best interest of people. I stand for what is truth. I have learned what is truth. The truth is what God says is the truth. I don't know if you have ever read God's Word or not, but I read it all the time. Without His Word and a relationship with The Word (Jesus or Yeshua) I would not know what the truth is. When we believe what we think is the truth, based

upon what we have learned from our parents or influential people around us, and not considered the true source of truth, then we are fooling ourselves and we are ignorant to the truth.

I am praying that your group stops worrying about of-fending people with a cross on a WWI memorial and starts being concerned with something that truly matters. Jesus commands His followers to love one another. Your group is offending people who have loved ones that have died in the war and they like the cross. Are you showing love to these people. Your group motto is "Good without God"?? What is the "good" when we offend people? I don't know you, I don't like what your group stands for, but I don't have hate for your or any people in your organization. Can't we just all try to get along. I have to wonder if people really understand they why behind our nation came about and what our found-ing fathers were really all about. They loved God. They went to church. They prayed for our nation. They tried to protect the church from the state, not the state from the church. We the church, if we are truly followers of Yeshua, love people, love God and we have a mission that He commanded us...to preach the GOOD NEWS to all nations.

We all have a choice. Accept Yeshua as Lord and Savior or don't. God sent His Son to take on the punishment of ALL the sin of all people. Anyone that accepts Yeshua gets a free gift....your sins are forgiven and you receive eternal life. If you don't accept it, then like any gift you refuse, you do not get the gift. Unfortunately, though if you don't take the FREE gift then your sins must be punished and you will be judged by God. God said that the only way to

Him is through His Son. So if you reject them, God isn't your father and by default, Satan is your father. Satan will be destroyed along with his children.

I don't want you to miss your opportunity to learn the truth. There is more to this life than just what we see here. If I didn't have a relationship with God and Yeshua and the Holy Spirit I would never want to die. I do not fear death at all. I am looking forward to leaving this earth. This is my temporary dwelling place. Can you say the same for your-self? I have experience God. I have received a miracle from Him. He gives me peace when I should be a wreck. He abundantly blesses me, daily. He gives me hope where there is hopelessness. He comforts me when my world seems to be falling apart all around me.

Stand for what is right and good. Take a stand against evil. Christians (TRUE Christians) are not evil. We are love, because God is love. This world is full of evil. The entertainment business is full of evil and they are deceiving people all the time (The Illuminati are real). Harming people. Harming this nation. That is something worth taking a stand against, not a cross at a memorial site.

Debbie

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EXHIBIT 35

AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION
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BLADENSBURG CROSS LAWSUIT

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kantrowitz@comcast.net

Tue, Feb 25, 2014 at 1:59 PM

To: mmiller@americanhumanist.org,
dniose@nioselaw.com,
ddoty@dotylawoffice.com

I was thrilled to learn today that this lawsuit had been filed. I am an atheist who has lived in Hyattsville for 15 years. I was always bothered by the giant cross so prominent that people give driving directions relative to "Peace Cross," but I only found out recently that the cross was on public land and therefore unconstitutional. In fact, when I was at the Freedom From Religion Foundation annual conference last September I spoke to their lawyers about this very issue, and I did some research on earlier efforts to oppose this monstrosity. I wanted to let you know that I strongly support this lawsuit and am available to help in any way I can. I am a member of AHA, FFRF, and both SCA and its Maryland chapter.

I sincerely thank you and the three plaintiffs for filing this suit and I hope the Constitution prevails.

Beth Kantrowitz

Hyattsville, MD

AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION

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BLADENSBURG CROSS LAWSUIT

Jen Gartner lgartner@law.gwu.edu>
Wed, Feb 26, 2014 at 1:25 PM

To: bmagee@americanhumanist.org,
mmiller@americanhumanist.org

Dear Mr. Magee & Ms. Miller,

Thank you for standing up for the rights of all citizens, including non-Christians, in Prince George's County, Maryland. I moved to PG County in June and live 1.6 miles west of the Bladensburg Cross. I drive past it at least once a week when running errands and it's impossible to ignore. Until today, when I saw your press release, I assumed this cross was on private land. I am appalled to learn that the cross is owned by the State of Maryland. As a member of a religious minority (Jewish) and as an attorney, I have become increasingly concerned about the attempts to impose so-called "Christian values" on Americans. I appreciate your efforts to protect the First Amendment in Maryland.

Sincerely,

Jen Gartner, Esq.
3604 Taylor Street
Brentwood, MD 20722

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AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION

Bill Burgess <bburgess@americanhumanist.org>

BLADENSBURG CROSS MEMORIAL

Scott Maddox <sjmaddox@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 at 12:56 AM

To: bburgess@americanhumanist.org

Hi,

I read about your letter to M-NCPPC requesting the removal of the cross. I too am a resident of Prince George's County, MD and agree that it should be removed.

Sincerely,

Scott Maddox, CPA

EXHIBIT 36

E-STAR FORUM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cross should not be used as symbol for military actions

As a Christian, I agree with the American Humanist Association and others who believe that the Memorial Peace Cross in Bladensburg at the intersection of Route 1 and Bladensburg Road should be taken down, although I have different reasons than they do. As the government cannot establish religion, the argument for allowing the Peace Cross to remain is that it is not primarily a religious symbol. Instead, it is considered a general symbol of sacrifice, of what the veterans of World War I did.

I do not want the cross of Christ to be used for militaristic and patriotic purposes. The cross is not a symbol of the sacrifice of violent people with weapons defending a country while they try to kill people from other countries; it is the symbol of the son of God dying peacefully, telling his followers to put down their weapons, and dying for the sake of hope for the forgiveness and salvation of even those who put him to death.

I believe that using the cross as a symbol of what our military did is blasphemy, equivalent to taking the Lord's name in vain, using the cross where God and Christ would not want it to he used. The Peace

Cross is there as a Christian symbol. It is not just a "t" or a plus sign. It should be used only for the purpose of praising Christ, not for praising our military, so if it's not going to be used for praising Christ, please instead just take it down,

The Rev. Brian P. Adams is pastor of Mount Rainier Christian Church.

Timothy Sandoval/The Gazette

A complaint filed by an atheist group against Bladenburg's Memorial Peace Cross has roused some community members.

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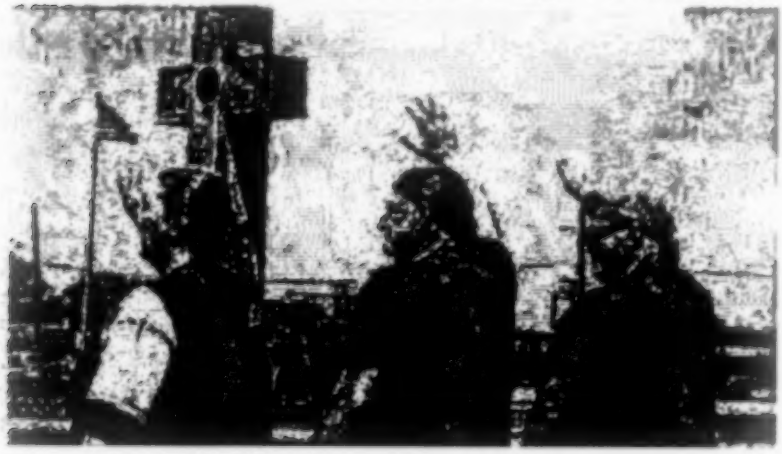
THE AMERICAN LEGION
ONLINE UPDATE E-NEWSLETTER

Saving the Bladensburg Peace Cross

By Marty Callaghan

June 1, 2014

Featured in General News, Legion Riders



Three American Legion Riders wave to cars passing by during a May 31 rally to protect the Peace Cross in Bladensburg, Md (Photo by Marty Callaghan)

More than 120 citizens, including a strong showing by American Legion Riders, staged a May 31 rally to save the Peace Cross monument in Bladensburg, Md., from being taken away. In February, a humanist group filed a lawsuit to remove the cross from its location on public land, claiming it violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

The 40-foot-high Peace Cross, which includes an American Legion emblem at its crux, is located at the intersection of Maryland Route 450 and U.S. Route 1. It was authorized through the Commissioners of Bladensburg to serve as a memorial For residents of Prince George's County who died while serving in the armed forces during World War I.

The monument's ground-breaking ceremony was held Sept. 28, 1919 - less than two weeks after The American Legion received Its charter from Congress. According to the Washington Post, "Two thousand citizens of the county gathered for the exercises," where then-Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels "paid a high tribute to the heroes" who died during the war, In July 1925, the Peace Cross - with the names of 49 fallen heroes on a bronze tablet - was dedicated in a public ceremony.

Although the monument is undeniably in the shape of a Latin cross, three American Legion Riders at the rally from Post 293 in Waldorf, Md. - Bradford Lee. Sandra Linder and Jeff Levesque weren't buying the argument put forth by the American Humanist Association that the cross violates the reparation between church and state

What opponents of the cross want to do Is simply wrong, Lee said, "It's a Peace Cross. It's a symbol for World War I veterans of P.G. County. It was not put there as a religious symbol. It's a cross - get over it".

Linder, a Navy veteran whose two grandfathers served in World War II, says the Peace Cross is part of her childhood; she grew up in a nearby neighborhood. She says people who want the cross moved are 'inconsiderate and don't have patriotic spirit.'

Levesque doesn't understand why the Peace Cross would offend some people. 'R's a memorial,' he said. "It's for our veterans. It's not for them. We don't take down their stuff - Leave ours atone.'

The Peace Cross is one of several monuments on public land across the country that have become targets of lawsuits filed by groups and individuals who claim that memorials to America's veterans and fallen servicemembers that include religious symbols are a violation of their constitutional rights; other cross-shaped monuments attacked try lawsuits include one in the Mojave Desert and another atop Mt. Soledad in San Diego.

Mark Beard, an Army veterans and sergeant-at-arms for American Legion Post 217 in College Park, Md., says he took part in the rally because the Peace Cross "represents sacrifice - it's our brothers that went before us that shed their blood for this country." He fears if the Bladensburg monument is removed, other cross-shaped memorials to America's fallen heroes are sure to follow, including the thousands of crosses at Arlington National Cemetery.

A call by anyone to remove the cross is "a slap in the face" to all veterans, Beard said just because the memorial is in the shape of a cross, they want to dishonor our brothers from the past, and they want to tear down this memorial. As a veteran, I won't stand for it And as an American. It just appalls me that this is even happening,'

The American Legion's assistant Legislative director in Washington, Shaun Rieley, also attended the ratty. He said The American Legion has filed a petition 'to become a party in the lawsuit in order to defend the (Peace) Cross.'

The U.S. Supreme Court, Rieley explained, held in its *Salazar v. Buono* ruling of April 2010 that the Latin cross, when used in the context of war memorials, "is not an explicitly religious symbol, that it cart be understood as a general symbol of sacrifice and remembrance."

Writing for the majority in the Salazar case (decided by 5-4 vote) Justice Anthony Kennedy noted, "The goal of avoiding governmental endorsement For religion} does not require eradication of ail religious symbols in the public realm."

Rieley's article about the current attack on the Peace Crass. "Memorial Madness," was published May 26 in **National Review Online**.

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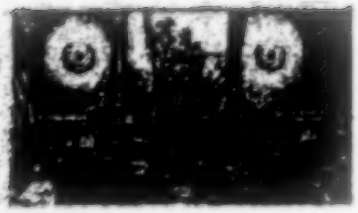

Spring Meetings begin next week

Jeffrey Brown

September 25, 2014 - 5:36pm

Permalink

The argument that the cross has no religious significance is disingenuous. Is it just a coincidence that so many of these memorials happen to be in the shape of a Christian symbol? It seems strange to me that a veterans service organization even takes a position at all on a Constitutional question of separation of church and state, especially when its position marginalizes its atheist and Humanist Veteran members. Arguing that the shape of the cross is mere coincidence, in addition to being absurd, steps outside the Legion's purpose of service to Veterans and our families, I have no problem with the monument itself. I find it inspiring. My objection is that it is on public land. It should be common sense for anyone planning a memorial on public property that religious symbols are (generally) inappropriate, unlawful, and have the effect of making non-Christian Veterans feel excluded and marginalized. is that the effect the designers intended? Polished blocks of granite or obelisks are a couple of ideas for beautiful and inspiring monuments that do not run

afoul of the Establishment Clause. I'm sure sculptors could come up with many more design possibilities. Thank you all for your service to our great nation.

reply

Anonymous

June 29, 2014 8:27 pm

Permalink

"It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favors." George Washington lust one more, please. 'And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis. a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that Gad is just: that his justice cannot sleep for ever." Thomas Jefferson God Bless the Constitution, and the Nation of Israel.

reply

Bill Filber

June 29, 2014 - 8:31pm

Permalink

Sorry, I forgot to write my name, and since I am proud to be a Christian Conservative and an American Veteran. I wrote the quotes from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson but they did not come

out correctly, however you get the idea. Thanks and God Bless our Soldiers.

reply

Mort S

June 10, 2014 - 10:26pm

Permalink

We should ban all monuments and symbols that represent anything!! Monuments cause upheaval and lead to unethical behavior because they affect the human mind whether moron or intellectual, loin me by banning all symbols. Free ourselves of these vile symbols of Disunity on Thursday 21 June 2014 at noon in Charlotte NC. We will all meet under the Golden Arches at The Mc Donalds near State Route 23. Just follow the Billboards directions along the highway. See ya there!!

reply

Le Roy Barnett

June 6. 2014 – 3:57pm

Permalink

There is a lesson here for everyone in these postings. You find it in this forum and in many others. Those who write in a civil fashion use their full names. Those who launch ad hominem attacks or speak in a disrespectful manner very often fail to divulge their full identity. A perfect example is Scottie. He hides behind what in essence is an anonymous posting, apparently not wanting to reveal who it is that harbors the thoughts he expresses. And Jim H. asks what is Diaz afraid of? I say, what

is lien H. afraid of that makes him exclude his surname? The Army taught me that part of leadership is never asking others to do that which you won't do yourself.

reply

Jose A. Lugo

June 5. 2014 – 8:46pm

Permalink

I'm a USMC Veteran, I'm proud to be an American. This Cross is more than a Cross it is symbol of our fallen during the 1st World War and the hope that our blessed country the USA would enjoy peace through out the world. What is happening to our blessed country shall we let some confused individuals tell us what is proper and improper. Flow about the many who believed and had faith in our country and God who believed in that the USA and that Cross shall we turn our backs our fathers who believed and made our Country what it is today. Home of the brave and free. God Bless everyone I love you America and all your monuments.

reply

Scottie 13053

June 5. 2014 – 5:01pm

Permalink

This is to "Angel" - Because of your name, should we have YOU removed from all public areas? Maybe if you had/practiced a tittle religion, America wouldn't be in the mess it is today.

reply

Cameron Clark

June 5, 2014 – 5:00pm

Permalink

I was trying to find in the Constitution the separation of church and state. Guess what, it isn't in there. The First amendment does say that government shall make no law -respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The Constitution only forbids government sponsorship and compulsion of religious exercise by individual citizens. It does not require hermetic "separation"—implying exclusion—of religion and religious persons from public affairs of state. Source Article: thepublicdiscourse/2010/10/1920/

reply

Le Roy Barnett

June 5, 2014 – 3:10pm

Permalink

Did you notice the slanted coverage? All one-sided, wasn't It? It would be good to have seen both sides of the issue represented in the article. That's the difference between writing to win and writing to inform.

reply

Angel L. Diaz

June 3, 2014 – 2:10pm

Permalink

There is no such thing as a PEACE cross. A cross is a cross. It is a religious symbol and have no place in a public area.

reply

bruce lamberto

June 9, 2014 – 2:39pm

Permalink

Using this knucklehead's rationalization, then all the crosses in every U.S. National Cemetery, including those at Normandy, France should have to be removed because they, according to this knucklehead, are a religious symbol. To me, the grave markers in the shape of a cross simply make the eternal resting place of a fallen hero

reply

armyvet72

June 5, 1014 – 11:45pm

Permalink

I disagree. Religious sysmbol or not does not come into play here. The cross was a dedication to those who gave their lives in defense of the country at large and that includes public lands, It has nothing to do with Government imposing favortism of religion. If you want to discuss who's constitutional right Is being harmed talk to the dead that gave you the right to challenge the placement of the cross on

the very peace of earth he died to defend. The seperation of church and state does not mean that any item that pays tribute to the fallen is in itself a symbol bonding the church or ones faith to the government. If anyones constitutional right is being harmed it is of those that beleave we have a moral obligation to remember the very souls that gave you the freedom you now want to restrict. My suggestion is that you close your eyes if the symbol of a cross so offends you that you fall to your knees and cry. Otherwise,get over it. You have your life and Brothers arid Sisters have a right to theirs too...afterall they pay taxes as well.

reply

Yochanan Hardisty

June 6, 2014 8:42am

Permalink

The US Veterans,who have served,are serving,this Country of ours,come from a wide variety of Religious BeLievers,and Non-Believers, Not just the Christian Faith. My Great Grand-father,served in WWI,and he was Jewish. My father served in the U5 Navy WWII,and he was Jewish. I did my time also in the US Navy.Viet-Vet,and I am Jewish. My son has served along-side Buddhists,Hindis,Mustims,Christians,believers,and Athelsts,In Iraq, Don't we all deserve respect for our service to our country? Or are only Christian Veterans deserving of our Country's Respect?

reply

Jim H.

June 5. 2014 - 7:11pm

Permalink

You're wrong Diaz. A cross is just a cross. But it can b deemed a symbol for anything by anyone. Whether a Christian or a Peacenik. If you have a gripe about religion just say so. What are you afraid of?

reply

EXHIBIT 39

NATIONAL REVIEW ONLINE
MAY 26, 2014

MEMORIAL MADANESS

A World War I monument in the shape of a cross comes under attack from secular extremists

By

Shaun Rieley

The secular extremists are at it again.

This time they are attacking a monument located just outside the nation's .capital in the working-class community of Bladensburg, Md. The monument was erected in 1925 in honor of those residents of Prince George's County who lost their lives on battlefields in France during World War I. Known to locals as the Bladensburg Peace Cross, the monument was funded and erected by the American Legion, which was six years old at the time, having been founded in 1919 by veterans of World War I. At its crux, the monument bears a modified version of the American Legion's emblem.

What could be so offensive about a local monument to war dead? The fact that it is in the shape of a Latin cross, of course.

In 2012, a group called the American Humanist Association sent a letter to the state of Maryland demanding that it remove the memorial. The group

received no response, and this year, in February, it filed a lawsuit against the Maryland—National Capital Park and Planning Commission, arguing that the memorial violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution, applicable to the state of Maryland via the Fourteenth Amendment.

Thus, a monument dedicated to the memory of Americans who paid the ultimate sacrifice has become the latest front in the ongoing culture wars. On one side are those who would strip the public square of all references to our religious cultural heritage; on the other, those who would preserve public space as a legitimate forum for public expression, including the expression of religion.

This isn't the first skirmish in this battle. A memorial built in 1934 — also in the shape of a cross — in the Mojave Desert by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to honor war dead has been subjected to vandalism and court challenges. In this instance, as a result of the controversy, the land the memorial sits on was transferred to private ownership, a move the Supreme Court found constitutional in the 2010 case *Salazar v. Buono*.

In the decision, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote that the cross "is not merely a reaffirmation of Christian beliefs" but a symbol "often used to honor and respect" heroism. "Here, one Latin cross in the desert evokes far more than religion. It evokes thousands of small crosses in foreign fields marking the graves of Americans who tell in battles, battles whose tragedies are compounded if the fallen are forgotten."

"The Constitution does not oblige government to avoid any public acknowledgment of religion's role in

society," he continued. -The goal of avoiding governmental endorsement [of religion' does not require eradication of all religious symbols in the public realm."

Speaking at the American Legion's 54th annual Washington conference in March, Eric Baxter. senior counsel for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, echoed Justice Kennedy, saying, "Crosses are not just a symbol of Christianity, but they are a widely known symbol of death and sacrifice."

"Not every situation is the same," he observed. "And our effort is to urge the courts to consider carefully, and weigh always, what is the religious liberty interest, what is [its] sincerity and history, against what is the government's compelling interest in overriding that,"

The cross as a symbol of death and sacrifice has its roots firmly in the cultural heritage of Christianity, even if one can argue that the cross no longer strictly or explicitly refers to Christianity, as is the case in the Bladensburg cross. Culture and religion are inextricably linked, and religion helps give expression to the transcendent aspirations of a political community. This is why Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration that it is our Creator who endows each of us with unalienable rights, among which are "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

To suppress the Christian cultural heritage of the United States is to undermine the philosophical assumptions that were essential to the Founding and that are necessary to sustain our political community. Indeed, John Adams, writing to the officers of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts, unambiguously stated: "Our Consti-

tution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

While Adams was not suggesting that we should conflate the institutions of the church and those of the state, he was suggesting that the nature of the American system is such that it assumes of its citizens certain moral characteristics. These characteristics, he thought, could be rooted most firmly in religious belief.

Our religious heritage, then, is integral to the sustaining of our political order, and to our national identity. To suggest that the Constitution requires the elimination of religious symbolism from the public square is to radically misunderstand the origins of our political system and the assumptions on which it rests regarding human nature and the relationship between religion and the public sphere.

The motto of the American Legion is "For God and Country." This implies that rather than being distinct and incommensurable, God and country are better understood as intimately linked and inseparable. God is honored through our patriot-ism and gratitude for His blessings on our country, and we protect our nation and our heritage by honoring God.

The Bladensburg cross — like the Mojave cross— points to this inextricable link between God and country, but it represents, as Justice Kennedy stated, "far more than religion." It represents the memory of those who gave the last full measure of devotion on behalf of a grateful nation.

The American Legion is committed to defending this important memorial dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in the Great War. It has

therefore tiled a motion through the Liberty Institute requesting that it be allowed to become a party in the suit. "The Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial has stood for almost 100 years in honor of the fallen," Liberty Institute senior counsel Roger Byron said. "We are committed to ensuring it stands for 100 more."

This Memorial Day, let's honor the memory of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience.

For God and country.

Shaun Rieley is a member of American Legion Post 28 in Delaware, and he serves on the American Legion's national staff in Washington, D.C.

EXHIBIT 41

THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Updated July 1, 2010

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PILLAR III: AMERICANISM

Many cultural, moral and patriotic values have come under serious attack in the United States in recent years. Prayer has been removed from schools. The U.S. flag is no longer protected from anarchists. Boy Scouts of America faces serious legal duels in the communities it serves. The institution of marriage is under siege. Immigration laws are defied. References to God have been challenged on U.S. currency, in the Pledge of Allegiance and in the public square, all by a minority of voices whose vision for America is far different from that of our Founding Fathers. Our nation's very identity is at stake as more and more values are driven toward extinction. As an organization dedicated to God and country, with a membership of military veterans that takes deep pride in the U.S. flag and all it means, The American Legion has always been a stalwart champion of patriotism, morality and citizenship. Upon the pillar of Americanism is The American Legion's devotion to law and order, the raising of wholesome youth, respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances, education and law-abiding citizenship. Among The American Legion's highest Americanism priorities are:

U.S. FLAG PROTECTION

The U.S. Constitution should be amended to add the following: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." The American Legion joins all the states and an overwhelming majority of citizens in its position that the American flag deserves legal protection from acts of intentional public physical desecration. In 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court declared flag desecration to be a "right" protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution. The American Legion disagreed then, and reaffirms now, that flag desecration is a form of conduct - not speech - that can and should be regulated by law. All 50 state legislatures have petitioned Congress for a constitutional amendment that would give power to Congress to prohibit such conduct. Poll after poll show that upward of 80 percent of Americans support flag protection. Lopsided majorities in both chambers of Congress have supported a flag amendment. The House of Representatives has passed such a proposed amendment in six consecutive votes; the measure has fallen just slightly short of achieving supermajority in the Senate, leaving it just one vote short of passing in the 109th Congress. As a symbol of our nation, the U.S. flag belongs to the people, who should be given the power to protect it. The American Legion's position on its protection is inviolate.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The American Legion supports manageable, legal immigration. By multiple resolutions that determine policy, the Legion adamantly opposes illegal immigration, amnesty for those who illegally enter the

United States, and ineffective measures to prevent illegal border-crossing, particularly during a time of war. The Legion's strategy to combat illegal immigration calls for strong border security, including physical barriers and high-tech surveillance methods; the elimination of economic and social-services benefits for illegal immigrants; employer sanctions against those who knowingly hire illegal immigrants; and the enforcement of existing immigration laws. The Legion also supports new laws that deny illegal immigrants driver's licenses, establish parameters for non-criminal deportation, and designate English as the official language of the U.S. government. The Legion's position on illegal immigration seeks the elimination of the visa lottery program, the creation of new visa categories for temporary agricultural workers to replace those working illegally, and the authority to track foreign visitors, to include college students, press, and members of any foreign diplomatic corps. Illegal immigration stands as one of the most serious problems facing America, with as many as 20 million illegal immigrants inside our borders and billions of dollars spent providing social services, education and jobs for them. The American Legion supports the law on this matter and strongly urges the U.S. government to enforce it. Providing assistance and instruction to immigrants following the legal path to U.S. citizenship has been a long-standing and proud tradition upheld by The American Legion since its founding in 1919. Helping legal immigrants prepare for their naturalization test and assimilation into American society is in the best interest of our nation. For decades, many Legionnaires and Legion posts throughout the country have hosted naturalization-orientation sessions to help

teach proficiency of the English language and lessons in U.S. history and civics.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

The American Legion connects good government with active citizen participation in the electoral process. Legion posts throughout the country offer their services and facilities to stimulate registration and turnout at the polls. Posts also provide facilities and opportunities for nonpartisan voter-education forums and debates. Under the provisions of its federal charter, it is important to note that The American Legion is prohibited from supporting, opposing or providing aid to any political party or candidate for public office.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The American Legion vigorously opposes attempts to strip the Boy Scouts of public support, sponsorship and facility space due to the organization's membership or leadership criteria. The Scouts teach skills, build character, and provide a healthy and wholesome outlet for young Americans. The organization should not be punished or persecuted for acknowledging God in its oath or for setting leadership restrictions based on a moral code that the majority of Americans endorse.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by students and teachers in our nation's schools should be a regular part of school activities and events. In support of keeping "under God" in the pledge, The American Legion affirms that pledging allegiance to the flag is the voluntary offering of a patriotic oath to

the nation, that no one should be denied this opportunity, and that the removal of these words will set a precedent that questions the propriety of numerous references to a supreme being in historical documents, on currency and on many of our government buildings, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

ESTABLISHMENT-CLAUSE LAWSUITS

The American Legion is dedicated to combating the secular cleansing of our American heritage, performed by lawsuits that attack the Boy Scouts, the public display of the Ten Commandments and other symbols of America's religious history. The authority given by Congress to the courts to impose damages, or attorney fees, in establishment-clause cases is being used by the American Civil Liberties Union and others to compel municipalities, state and federal agencies, along with private groups, to cast off religious associations, often in pursuit of tax-funded attorney fees.

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EXHIBIT 53

"PEACE CROSS"

AN EVALUATION OF CONDITION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESTORATION

PREPARED FOR MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT.

The Peace Cross monument exhibits cracking and delamination of its mosaic surfaces thereby causing concerns about: public safety, stability of the monument, increasing restoration expense, disrespect for the veterans of World War I to whom this monument was erected, and, a public eyesore seen by hundreds of passing motorists each day.

The Maryland National Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) therefore directed that an evaluation of the condition of the monument be performed to provide a basis on which to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to stabilize/preserve/restore the monument.

This evaluation was performed by Daniel C. Filippelli, an historic preservation consultant during the months of March/April, 2010.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT TIIF PEACE CROSS MONUMENT.

The Peace Cross monument was constructed in 1925 and dedicated on July 12, 1925. It is the work of John J. Earley who is considered to be a pioneer in "exposed aggregate" concrete construction in the first half of the 20th century. Earley's stature is documented in various papers and presentations to the American Concrete Institute and generally summarized in a biography by Frederick W. Cron (The Man Who Made Concrete Beautiful, Centennial Publications, Ft. Collins, Colorado). Deeper insights into Earley's methods and reasoning are contained in 13 presentations made by Earley to the American Concrete Institute as a member, committee chairman, and, as President of this institute.

The monument project was initiated by the Snyder-Farmer-Butler Post #3 of the American Legion in memory of the Maryland veterans who lost their lives in World War I.

The construction drawings of this monument were apparently lost in a fire at the Earley Studio in Rosslyn, Virginia. There is little archival information about this monument other than news accounts of the dedication, letters concerning the relation of the Maryland State Roads Commission and transfer of responsibility to the local governments and the Snyder-Farmer-Butler Post # 3, assorted invoices for work planned and/or effected in 1961, and, again in 1985 and 1986.

The monument apparently exhibited repair needs in 1961. It is not known when, prior to this time, that the repair needs became obvious. A proposal by Moeller Air Compressor Service, Inc. to MNCPPC dated March 14, 1961 proposes "guniting" the monument and references an Evening Star news account of March 13, 1961 of the "difficulty you are having with contractors and repair work on the Peace Cross". This suggests that the repair needs were present for some time and that these needs were not well understood. Moeller submitted an invoice for "dimensions and tests" on May 17, 1961 noting that the exact dimensions varied by 3" but not indicating what parts of the monument varied by this amount. A subsequent proposal by Earley Studio (the same as the original builder) included "to restore Peace Cross including a cap over top...bid includes removal of loose existing areas, patching, lathing and applying Earley mosaics to existing structure". This proposal indicates that the monument was delaminating in

1961 and water was infiltrating the structure from the top on the flat planes. Another document by Eckington Scaffolding Co. in August, 1961 indicates that the monument was to be scaffolded for repairs. There is, however, no further documentation in the files to confirm that any work actually occurred other than the Moeller Company measurements and tests. There is also, no documentation of the Moeller measurements and tests results.

Documented repairs actually appear first in February, 1985. The Preservation Technology Group, Ltd. in Washington, D.C. proposed a repair strategy based on "preliminary samples...presented to (MNCPPC)... and, recommendations for testing the existing masonry on which to base the repair materials. This was an entirely appropriate and necessary strategy that is presented in their proposal with explanation.

The Preservation Technology Group, Ltd. subsequently submitted photographs "taken during the exploration of the interior cavity of the Peace Cross monument" and a sketch of the monument and the sites for investigative drilling to determine dimensions/construction of the monument. These are contained in an August 1, 1985 transmittal to MNCPPC.

Apparently, Neal Eisenberg, a principal with Preservation Technology Group, Ltd., transferred to Universal Waterproofing Service, Inc. in Linden, New Jersey and undertook the actual restoration of the monument in August, 1985. An invoice of October 7, 1985 lists the work that was undertaken by Universal. The work was completed by October 7,

1985 as confirmed in a letter from Neal Eisenberg to Gary Perrygo at MNCPPC.

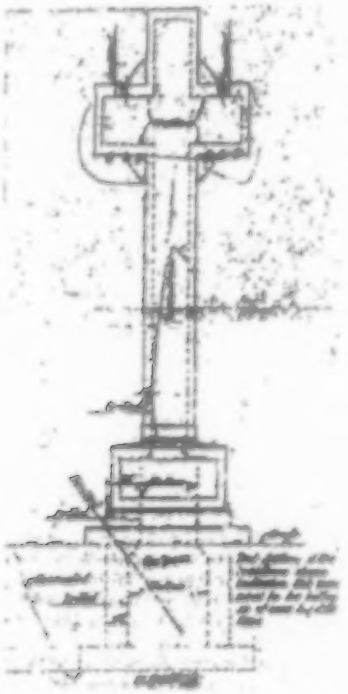
A letter to Greg Sparks, MNCPPC, dated December 31, 1986 from Kenneth Eisenberg, Universal Waterproofing Service, Inc. indicates that issues of water infiltration/condensation continue at the monument which will require further studies. There is no report in the files indicating the "further studies" or the data accrued by these studies.

The method used by Earley for construction of concrete structures with decorative mosaic exteriors is described in his papers with the American Concrete Institute. Essentially, he devised a method for providing mosaic surfaces for use by Architects as a much less expensive alternative to traditional mosaic fabrications on building surfaces. He was inspired by the color theories used by artists practicing Pointilism (American Concrete Institute, "Mosaic Ceilings", Doc. JL31-31, Journal of Proceedings, Vol. 31, issue 5, May 1, 1935). In addition, Earley found that he could form the mosaics as panels in the studio to the exact dimensions required for a project and transport these to the construction site. Much control over dimensions and finish and especially gradation of the aggregates to form the subtle hues and tonal shifts in color was enabled by this studio approach. Earley found that these panels could be used as the forms for the concrete structure (American Concrete Institute, "Concrete of the Exposed Aggregate Type", Doc. JL3O-27, May 1, 1934. The panels were the forms into which the concrete core was poured and both mosaic panels (forms) and the poured concrete were bonded together mechanically and to some extent chemically to form a monolithic

structure. This is very important to understand when planning tests and restoration strategies to the Peace Cross monument.

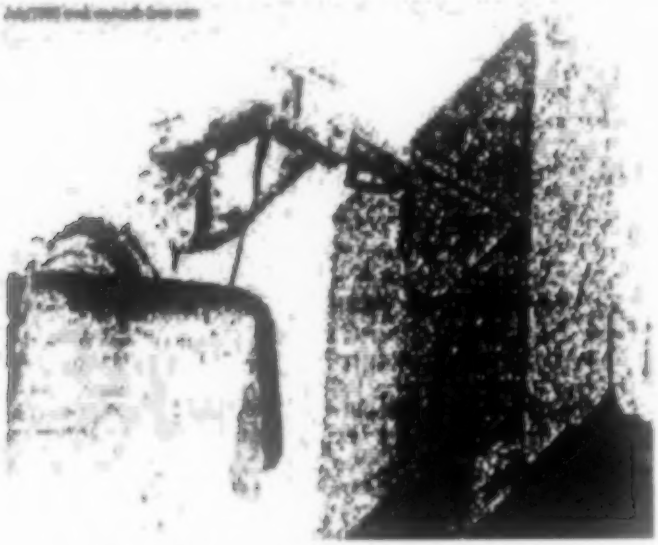
The first time effort to establish data on the properties of the concrete materials of Peace Cross by The Preservation Technology Group, Ltd. is very important. This data could be very useful in determining changes in the structure's properties since 1985. Unfortunately, this data in not in the files at MNCPPC.

The sketch in which the location sites of test drilling in 1985 by Preservation Technology Group, Ltd. is shown here.



The hollow core of the monument is displayed and the location of the drilling to determine dimen-

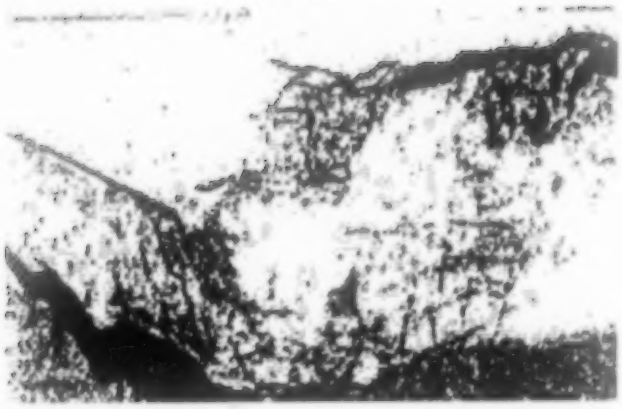
sions/thicknesses are shown. There is not an indication of an interior floor at the plinth level of the monument which would be important to know. There were interior photos taken by Preservation Technology Group, Inc. and they (3) appear to be a view of the interior wall surfaces. These interior photos indicate alkali-aggregate-reactivity but this is not mentioned in the available file information. The laboratory data collected by Preservation Technology Group, Inc. may very well discuss the indications presented by the photos and how they related to the planned strategy for restoring the monument.



July/1985 work on north face arm.

A workman is seen drilling the monument in 1985 as part of the preliminary investigations. Also, note the sections that have delaminated.

The next photo of the 1985 work displays some of the construction features of this monument.



Exposed 4" square wire in original mosaic layer.

The mosaic layer approximates about 2.5" according to notes from John J. Earley's papers. A 4" square wire mesh was imbedded within these mosaic panels at about the center of thickness. The outermost surface finish was supposedly a very dense composition of the selected mosaic aggregates and Portland cement which would be impervious to moisture penetration thus protecting the inner core. The square wire was connected to the poured inner core by means of additional metal fasteners so that the final result was essentially a single poured concrete structure. The wire seen here during the 1985 restoration is not currently visible at the locations of delamination. It may be simply embedded in repair material and not visible at present.

The background information, in summary, is incomplete but does provide some indication of method of construction and the intended benefits of the type of construction. The neglect of the monument's repair needs and only two interventions over its history are indicated by the file information. And, the missing laboratory data from the test drill-

ing/materials testing presents a loss of advantage in understanding changes of materials properties over time and the basis for incompatibility of repair materials/methods if any during the 1985 repairs. Failure of the repair materials may be entirely due to other stresses within the substrate or a combination of incompatibility of repairs with the internal stresses in the substrate.

3. SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY.

The scope of this evaluation is limited to characteristics/conditions of the immediate site, the visible indications of deterioration of the monument and their location, measurements of the monument's exterior dimensions, and, a review of available archival information concerning the construction and repair history of the monument. Sample collections, laboratory testing, and, instrument testing/documentation of the monument materials and interior are not a part of this report but will be included in a request for proposals to restore the monument.

The methodology employed was a combination of simple visual observations, tape measurements, sounding around cracks and staining, review of available archival information, and, relating of past repairs to present decay. A collection of exudation from cracks and samples of original and repair materials were examined under a magnifier and subjected to a simple water absorption test. The on-site examination was conducted from the ground and from a bucket-lift which allowed close-inspection of all surfaces from top to bottom of the monument.

4. FIELD OBSERVATIONS AND INDICATIONS.

Observations and measurements of the monument occurred over a period of two weeks in March/April, 2010.

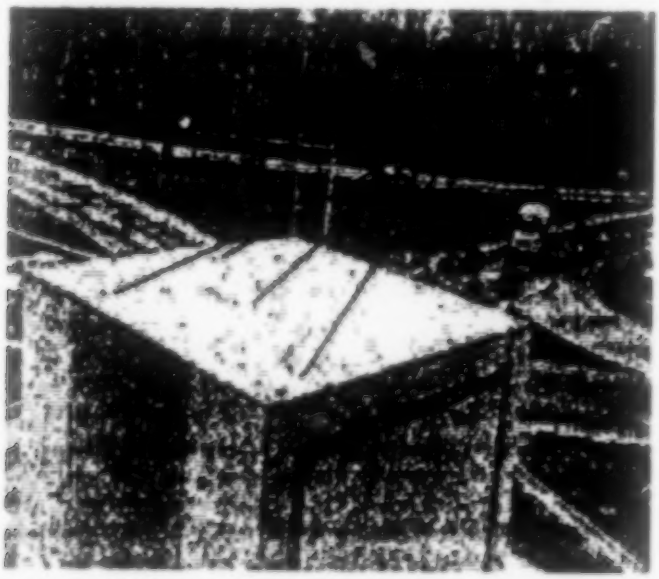
The monument is approximately 40 feet high and rests on a plinth that is 15 ft. X 15 ft. The sketch prepared by Preservation Technology Group, Inc. on page 8 of this report displays the overall design and construction dimensions. A large format scale drawing has been prepared for this report and is enclosed with this report. The below grade dimensions shown on this drawing are based on those contained within the Preservation Technology Group, Inc. sketch and have not been confirmed by this review. Text-editing of the large format drawing identifies the location of cracks/damage, dimensions, contextual stresses on the monument, and, available archival information.

The monument is situated within a traffic island at an intersection of three principal traffic commercial/commuter roadways. A major highway (Route 50) passes nearby to the east of the monument as well as a freight rail line. The rail bed has been elevated recently to eliminate some congestion at the intersection due to the numerous trains passing through (approximately 3/hour during the day). Industrial parks occupy areas to the immediate northeast and south east of the monument with the associated commercial traffic and air-borne pollutants from the activities. A metal fabrication concern is immediately to the north of the monument and one can smell the processing chemicals on most days of the week. These atmospheric pollutants in addition to the substantial emissions from vehicles

and the train provide a concentration of acidic residue on the monument and on the surrounding ground on which it rests. There is, in addition, the frequent use of deicing and salts on the road interchange which easily splash onto the island on which the monument is situated. The situation is made clear by the following aerial view.

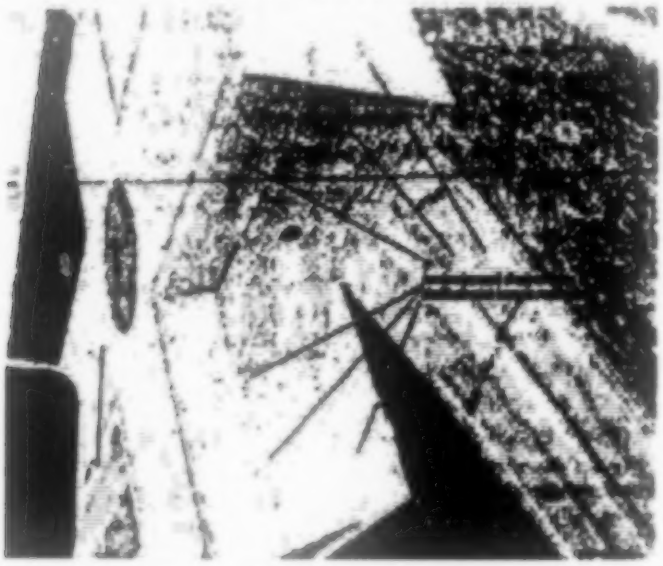
The Peace Cross monument is seen here in the island among the intersecting roadways, next to the river, adjacent to an industrial area, and, the rail line to the east of the monument. The monument is only 20 feet from the road on the north and 28 feet from the road on its south side. The, grade to the east of the monument, i.e. the long dimension facing Route 450, is insufficient in that the storm drain at the most eastern point of the island is separated from the majority of the island by a rise in grade

which prevents rainwater and road splash from moving to the storm drain thereby allowing pooling around the monument and saturation of the ground with road pollutants. The pollutants (deicing, salts, anti-freeze, etc.) are a recognized source of chemicals to facilitate alkali-silica-reactivity in concrete, as well as, corrosion of metal reinforcement. Cracking in the monument appears mostly on the north face of the monument the side towards the bus) and the top surface lanes.

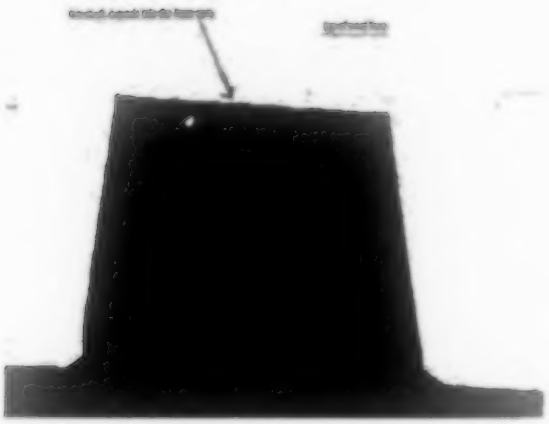


The top of the monument exhibits cracks as seen here in this photo. One crack in the middle of the rear edge is deep into the core concrete and has widened over time. It is likely that rainwater infiltrates the monument through these cracks and presents a variety of issues for the overall structure. The past recommendations to waterproof the top planes of the monument suggest that this condition existed as early 1961. It is unlikely that waterproof-

ing may solve all the issues with this monument but may be part of a successful repair strategy.

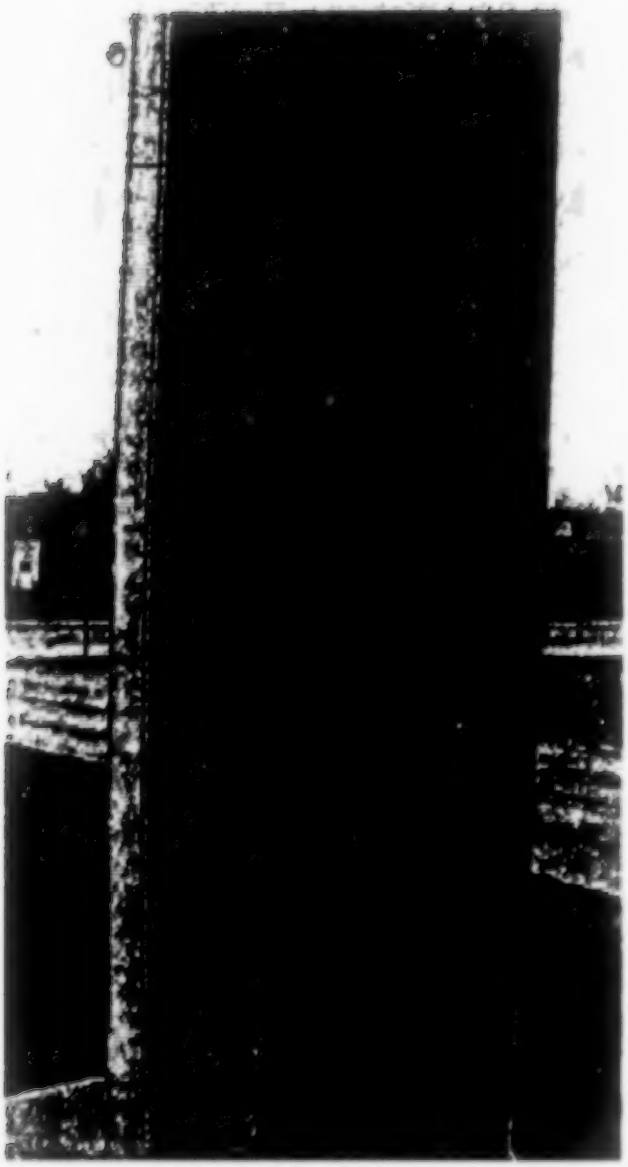


The cracks seen in this photo are on the north arm top surfaces. Notice the crack originating on the top of the shaft continues down the side and spreads horizontally. This horizontal spreading is seen on the west adjacent side of the central shaft as seen in the next photo.



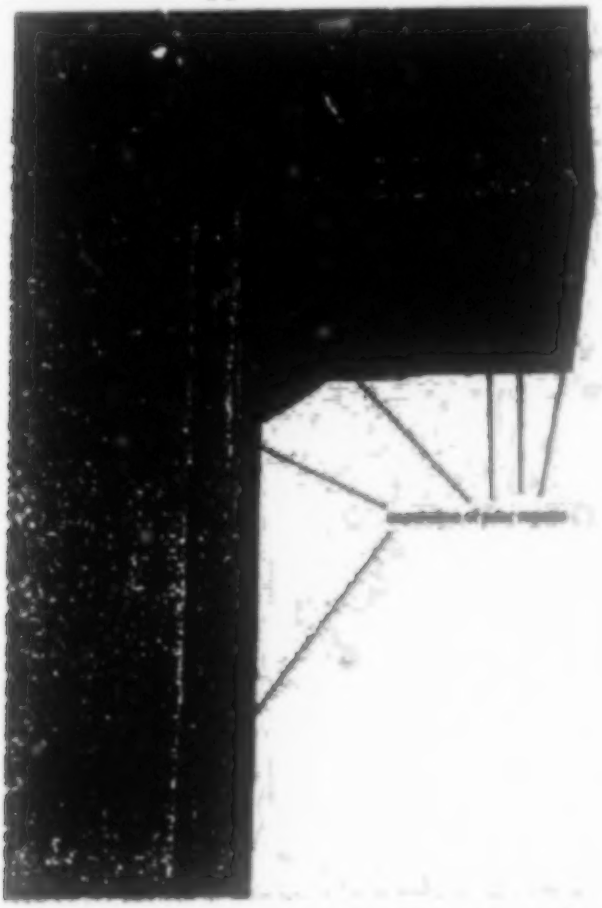
It is of interest that the cracks are primarily located on the north side and adjacent corners of the east and west face. Both water infiltration and repeated freeze-thaw cycles may cause this cracking as well as alkali-silica-reaction (ASR), and, of course, both conditions in combination. In addition, there may be design defects in the structure that do not allow for volumetric changes in what is essentially a tapered-square concrete T-pipe.

The next photo of the north face shows cracks along the seams of the prior 1985 repairs, delamination of these same repairs, and, weeping/exudation at the cracks. The pale discoloration in the aggregate is due to both difficulty in matching the original exposed aggregate in the 1985 repairs as well as staining. Matching these types of exposed decorative aggregates is challenging and the 1985 match is fairly close for the lighter reddish/brown but less so for the rose color_ It should be kept in mind that the Earley Studio utilized now missing formulas for aggregate gradations.

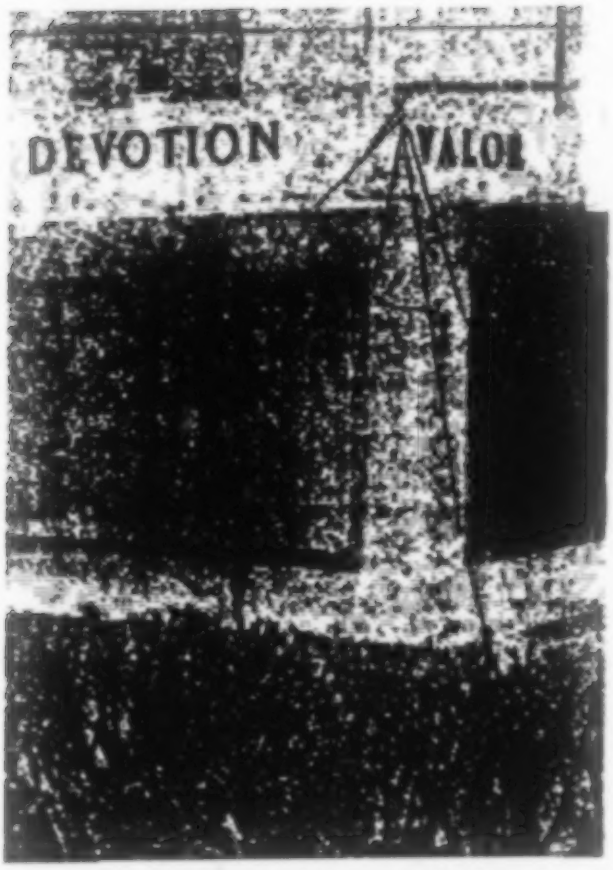


The longitudinal cracks seen in the preceding photo are on the north face of the monument. The pattern of the crack may suggest a corrosion of reinforcing

metal in addition to other stresses within the shaft. Notice the grayish/white coloring along some of the cracks which appear to be the effect of ASR.



A longitudinal crack is seen here again on the adjacent east corner to that seen in the preceding photo of the north face. There is an obvious swelling within the concrete that displaces the mosaic surface outward. This can be attributed to both the ASR as well as metal corrosion in combination. The presence of both is indicated.



Seen here on the base of the north face is a continuation of cracks that run the length of the north/west and north/east corners. There is a horizontal seam separation along the rose colored aggregate. The crack running through the top outermost corner of the base widens towards the corner and each side of the crack is in a different horizontal plane which indicates an internal volumetric displacement that can be attributed to a variety of causes again, e.g. ASR, metal corrosion, and, freeze/thaw cycles. Multiple deleterious conditions work in combination

and are not necessarily independently attributable to each visual manifestation.

The preceding photo of the monument's north/west corner overhead view shows fallen repair stucco, cracking, and, discolorations. It is not known why the small ventilators were installed in 1985. Perhaps to facilitate temperature balancing within the shaft. One of these ventilator covers was removed

for examination. There are two 1" holes that taper down to ¾" each that have been drilled through the shaft side wall. The total air passage for the four ventilators would then be less than .00023 for the 3' square interior space of the 40' shaft. There is no file data on interior humidity of the monument or temperature differences from the north to south side or base to top over designated time/condition periods. This would be essential information to planning a repair strategy.

This photo of a piece of exudation removed from the bottom of the longitudinal crack running the length of the northwest corner of the main shaft exhibits a layering as could be expected of ASR gel following gravity to the bottom of the crack where it forms into a crystalline structure on the exterior surface of the shaft.

What appears to be crystallized ARS gel is seen here. This was removed from the same location as the preceding sample. The appearance of these crystallized formations are seen at the bottom of vertical cracks on the northeast and northwest shaft corners and to a lesser extent in other cracks which can be seen in the preceding photos of various surfaces. The appearance of ASR. does not preclude consideration of other types of decay/stress, e.g. corrosion of reinforcement metal, temperature variations, humidity variations, design faults, freeze/thaw cycles, wetting/drying cycles and their differences across various surfaces and different height levels of the monument.

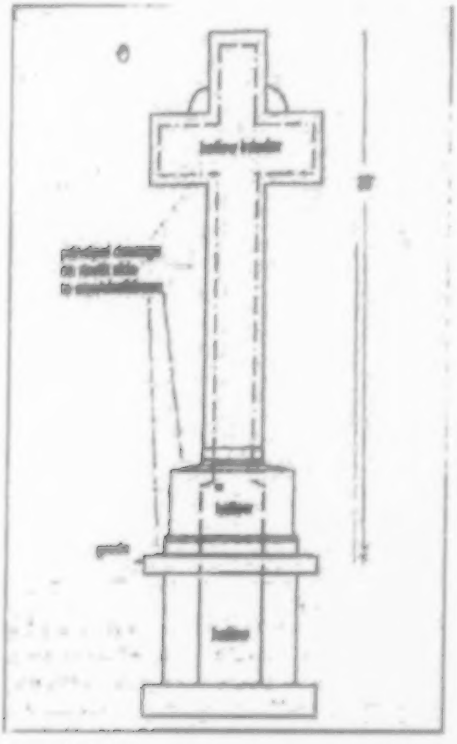
A piece of 1985 repair stucco which had fallen from under the north arm, and, a piece of original mosaic which was retrieved from the deep crack on the monument top were both placed in a-bucket of water and allowed to soak overnight. They were broken open 24 hours later to reveal that the 1985 repair stucco was wet through its thickness whereas the original mosaic material was dry through its thickness. Only the ¼" of exposed aggregate surface of the 1985 repair stucco was dry. This indicates that

the repair material is now moisture absorbent and would undergo volumetric changes especially during a freeze/thaw cycle. Retention of moisture would also contribute to ASR as well as corrosion of reinforcement. Noted also was the apparent bonding agent between the original substrate and the repair stucco. This now grey color appearing film had adhered partly to the repair stucco which had fallen and partly to the original substrate in random patterns indicating that the bonding agent was only as effective as the stability of the surfaces to which it was attached. Water infiltration in the original concrete substrate and the apparent absorbent nature of the repair stucco rendered the bonding agent ineffective against the assorted stresses within the monument. It is not known whether the repair stucco was more moisture resistant when first applied because the laboratory data is not in the file.

It is interesting to read the proposal and invoices from both the Preservation Technology Group, Ltd. and Universal Waterproofing Services, Inc. Their approach was well reasoned in recommending testing of the existing original materials for its properties and then matching the repair materials to these properties. In addition, it was recommended that the monument should be cleaned, drainage provided for interior condensation, installation of expansion joints, correction of insufficient surface drainage, and, water proofing and sealing. The invoice of October 7, 1985 includes: Cleaning, installation of control joints and weep holes, ventilation louvers, and impregnation and mechanical enhancement of cast stone masonry (polymer intrusion).

The monument continued to deteriorate in spite of these measures as indicated by the December 31, 1986 letter from Universal Waterproofing Services, Inc., in which the problem of water infiltration appears to remain an issue.

The monument presents a complex array of variable stresses and their interaction within and on the monument and a repair approach requires their identification, measurement, interrelationships, and, manageability.



This sketch of the monument provides a focus for listing some of these stresses for consideration that affect this monument.

1. The sun heats the south and west sides more than the north and and east. As a consequence moisture evaporates more quickly on the south and west. The structure must compensate for the thermal differences, and, the internal patterns of moisture migration/condensation. The freeze/thaw cycles will affect the north and south sides differently. Seasonal differences will occur.

2. Design faults can limit the capacity to accommodate these thermal variations and moisture patterns. In addition, cumulative internal decay can reduce these capacities.

3. The hollow core of the monument allows For rising warm and moist air into the base and shaft with differing rates of cooling and condensation as it rises in addition to the variation between the north and south side as well as the east and west. The arms of the monument present flat horizontal surfaces with implications for condensation on the interior and dwell/ infiltration of the exterior as well as thermal implications varying from the main shaft.

4. Absorption of ground water can also be affected by the variations in exposure and thermal/seasonal changes such that a side of the monument with a cooler temperature may may exhibit differing absorption/adsorption characteristics, or, accumulate less interior condensation relative to another side.

5. Corrosion of metal reinforcement and ASR can alter the properties of the concrete structure and reduce its capacities to accommodate various stresses.

These general items indicate a need to fully understand/measure the condition of the monument and

the current properties of its materials, interaction with its external and internal environment, and, compatibility of repair methods/materials.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS.

The monument presents a complex array of variable stresses and their interaction within and on the monument and the planned repair approach requires their identification, measurement, understanding their interrelationships, and, manageability over time. Repairs made without these types of information are not only likely to fail but may also accelerate damage to the monument. One could ignore these types of information and simply waterproof the monument. Such an approach would, however, not address, among other things, ASR, reinforcement corrosion, thermal variances, design fault that would continue with the presence and assistance of internal moisture migration from ground sources, interior vapor condensation, leaching of soil contaminants, etc. One would, instead, simply be covering over other problems allowing them to continue. The following is therefore recommended as necessary to formulating a repair strategy.

(1) A registered engineer experienced with aged concrete structures should be the principal lead for the collection of base data and field tests. The very same engineer should have review and approval authority over methods and materials that are to be used for stabilization and repair of the monument and the sequence in which each task is to occur.

(2) The existing cracks/deformities/conditions of the monument and its immediate setting should be identified/measured and mapped onto scale drawings for each surface plane of the monument. And, these

drawings placed into the permanent file about the monument maintained by MNCPPC so that future interventions can be measured against prior/historic data.

(3) The grade fault between the monument and the storm drain at the east end of the island should be corrected according to the final plans approved by the lead engineer for stabilizing the monument. There may be planned added drainage paths that the engineer determines necessary to the stabilization and long term management of the monument.

(4) The following determinations should be made.

a. presence of soil contaminants that are affecting the concrete structure, This is a laboratory test.

b. crack motion over time. This can be performed in the field with various types of crack monitors as selected by the engineer.

c. temperature differentials over selected time periods on the four exterior sides and the interior surfaces of the monument.

d. condensation patterns over selected time periods within the monument. This will require test holes through which to place the monitors.

e. presence of ASR. This may be a field test with the use of a dye such as uranyl acetate on suspected areas. The engineer will determine the method and whether additional laboratory tests are necessary to provide extent and character of ASR at present. Patterns of ASR are to be added

to scale mapping of conditions for inclusion in the permanent file with MNCPPC.

f. properties of existing original materials. This requires core samples to be extracted from locations and in a manner determined by the engineer in accordance with ASTM standards. Core samples from cracks related to reinforcement corrosion and core samples related to ASR are not necessarily from the same locations. Samples are to be submitted to a certified laboratory for petrography analyses. The laboratory test results are to be provided to the engineer and to MNCPPC for inclusion in its permanent file.

The repair methods/materials must be compatible with the properties of the original materials. Therefore, hardness, absorption, permeability, expansion, density, of these materials, for example, must be measured in the laboratory to determine compatibility. It will be the engineer's responsibility to determine the full range of laboratory tests for any particular sample to assure adequate information is provided to assure repair method and material compatibility. For example, prior changes may preclude the use of polymer injection as a method. Though the material may be compatible, the method of injection may exert excessive pressure and exacerbate existing conditions.

g. The locations/patterns of original metal reinforcement should be determined. The

engineer will select the method by which this is to be performed to achieve reliable results. These locations/patterns are to be mapped on scale drawings with copies placed in the permanent file for the monument with MNCPPC. This mapping will be useful in avoiding unnecessary cutting into original reinforcement bars and to relate these reinforcement patterns to existing decay evidences.

h. The monument should be cleaned. D/2 Microbial is suitable. The engineer will determine whether to clean the monument initially for revealing additional conditions. The bronze plaque(s) are to be removed and restored and returned/installed in a manner approved by the engineer. The materials/method of fastening the plaques are not to present prospective damage to the surfaces/substrate in which they are imbedded.

i. A summary analysis of the monument's condition based on the accumulated data outlined in the preceding task list is to be provided to MNCPPC for discussion along with the recommended repair methods and materials demonstrated to be compatible with the remaining original materials and conditions of the monument. Sample boards of the repair materials 'as-installed' are required for MNCPPC approval prior to proceeding with repairs. MNCPPC will then approve the repair methods and materials and authorize the repairs and their

schedule. Copies of all information pertaining to the analyses and the repair methods/materials are to be included in the MNCPPC permanent file for the monument.

The engineer will then schedule work as approved and monitor its implementation to assure adherence to the plans. MNCPPC must have a single point of contact for discussions and approvals throughout the entire project from start to finish.

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6. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

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b. demonstrated ability in field analyses and sampling.

c. demonstrated ability to design repair materials and methods based on laboratory and field analyses.

d. demonstrated ability to resolve complex interacting stresses within a structure.

e. insured (minimum S 2 million) and bonded in addition to errors and omissions coverage.

f. a performance bond will be required for this project.

2. Site Requirements:

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   b. secure all scaffolding/ladders at end of each day.

   c. provide a portable latrine which must also be secured at end of each day.

   d. provide on-site generator for power tools.

   e. coordinate with local Town of Bladensburg government and the local police.

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   j. all MISHA and OSHA regulations will be followed.

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EXHIBIT 54

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF PEACE CROSS MONUMENT

Request for Proposal No

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Proposal Name:	Preservation and Restoration of Peace Cross Monument
Pre-Proposal Conference:	Thursday, November , 2010
	10:00 a.m.
	Peace Cross Monument
	MD

Deadline for Proposals: Thursday, December, 2010

11:00 a.m.

M-NCPPC

6611 Kenilworth Avenue

Purchasing Division — Suite 300

Riverdale, Maryland 20737

One (1) original and five (5) copies all bound and sealed must be received as follows:

Offerors are requested to confirm that their Offers are valid for a period of 120 days after submittal.

Delivery of proposals to the Purchasing Division, third floor, Suite 300, may only be made during Commission business hours, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The submittal should have

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Preservation and Restoration of Peace Cross Monument

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The monument is approximately 40 feet high and rests on a 15 ft. X 15 ft. plinth. The below grade_dimensions are based on the sketch provided by Preservation Technology Group but have not been confirmed by this review.

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Cracking appears mostly on the north face of the monument and the top surface planes. It is likely rainwater infiltrates the monument through these cracks and presents a variety of issues for the overall structure. The past recommendations to waterproof

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Visual observations also indicate de-lamination is occurring along the seams where the 1985 repairs occurred. These de-laminations may suggest a corrosion of reinforcing metal in addition to other stresses within the shaft. The areas repaired in 1985 have failed due to incompatibles not presently known. The aggregates used for the 1985 repairs were fairly close to the original lighter reddish/brown aggregates but less so for the rose color aggregates. It should be kept in mind the Earley Studio utilized now missing formulas for aggregate gradations.

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faults, freeze/thaw cycles, wetting/drying cycles and their differences across various surfaces and different height levels of the monument.

The underside of monument's top northwest corner indicates fallen repair stucco, cracking, and, discolorations. Evidence suggests these fallen pieces were part of the sections replaced during the 1985 restoration. Evidence also suggests small ventilators may have been installed in 1985. These ventilators may have been installed to facilitate temperature balancing within the shaft. There is no file data on interior humidity or temperature differences from the north to south side or base to top over designated time/condition periods. This would be essential information to planning a repair strategy.

A piece of 1985 repair stucco which had fallen from under the north arm, and, a piece of original mosaic which was retrieved from the deep crack on the monument top were both placed in a bucket of water arid allowed to soak overnight. They were broken open 24 hours later to reveal the 1985 repair stucco was wet through its thickness whereas the original mosaic material was dry through its thickness. Only ¼ of exposed aggregate surface of the 1985 repair stucco was dry. This indicates the repair material is now moisture absorbent and undergoes volumetric changes especially during freeze/thaw cycles. Retention of moisture would also contribute to ASR as well as corrosion of reinforcement. Noted also was the apparent bonding agent between the original substrate and the repair stucco. This now grey color appearing film had adhered partly to the repair stucco which had fallen and partly to the original substrate in random patterns indicating the bonding

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- Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating site egress and ingress with the local government and police as needed.

- ASTM standards are to be followed for both field sampling and laboratory sampling/testing where applicable. These standards are to be referenced in all writ-ten documents pertaining to the analyses of materials and proposed repair materials.

- Contractor shall provide photo documentation of work as it progresses from start to finish. These photos are to depict the areas of repair, conditions prior to repair, areas/materials which have been removed, revealed conditions after removal of materials. Photos are to be text edited as necessary to clearly explain the conditions of the structure. A copy of all such photos are to be placed in M-NCPPC's permanent file.

SECTION 2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS/ DELIVERABLES

A. Contractor Responsibilities

The selected Contractor shall provide all services required for the final and complete design and construction of preservation/stabilization improvements.

These services include all investigation, design, engineering, permitting, pre-construction, construction, supervision, administration and coordination services and providing all drawings, specifications, labor, materials, equipment, supplies, fabrication, transportation, insurance, bonds, permits, approvals, certifications, licenses, tests, inspections, surveys, studies and other items that are necessary or appropriate for the total design and construction of the project.. Selected Contractor shall be required to retain and pay all of the fees and costs for all consultants and/or subcontractors required to provide the full and complete construction/rehabilitation project services required for this project.

1. The Contractor shall provide a responsive and experienced project manager and/or superintendant

at the site daily during staging and construction activity.

2. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing historically accurate methods and materials for all work. All masonry components shall be compatible with the original work. All masonry materials utilized shall be based on results obtained by materials testing laboratory or otherwise approved by the Commission.

3. All design and construction work to be performed by the selected Contractor must be reviewed and approved by M-NCPPC and the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The HPC will review the proposed design for historical content and adherence to federal and county historic preservation guidelines. If modifications or changes to the design are required by the HPC, they shall be accomplished as part of the scope of work for this project. No additional costs shall be borne by the Commission as a result of required design changes or modifications.

4. The Contractor and subcontractors shall maintain a responsive and cooperative relationship with the Department of Parks and Recreation staff.

5. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining a cordial relationship with the Towns of Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Edmonston and Cottage City.

B. Deliverables Requirements

1. Progress Reports/Meetings

The Contractor will be required to provide regular verbal (weekly) and written (monthly) progress reports to the M-NCPPC Project Manager, Construc-

tion Manager, or Construction Inspector for the duration of the project. Attendance at regular progress meetings, at least monthly, is also required.

2. Photographic Documentation

Photographic documentation of the work progress and construction details should be provided for the duration of the work. Each image shall be date stamped. All images captured should be delivered in digital format with contact sheet at the completion of the project.

In addition, significant aspects of the work should be summarized in a picture narrative report that highlights, labels, and describes key aspects of the work. This should be provided in 8-1/2" x 11" printed color format (one bound and one un-bound) and one corresponding electronic copy.

3. Drawings and Specifications

The Contractor will be required to supply all design and construction drawings and specifications, including documents needed for permits. Specifications should be delivered in 8 ½ x 11" format. Drawings should be delivered in 24" x 36" format and include the following:

a. Cover sheet with completed Building and Code Information
b. Foundation plan
c. All four exterior elevations
d. Current dates, title blocks, drawing titles, dimensions, notations, and professional seals on all drawings

Progress Printings

One hardcopy shall be delivered to the Project or Construction Manager as required and as appropriate to review work progress. In some circumstances, electronic copies may be suitable substitutes. Progress printings must be properly dated and labeled and shall not substitute for required submittals.

4. Required Submittals

Progress, Permit and Construction Document Submittals.

Required for submission to M-NCPPC's Project Manager: Deliver three bound full size sets, one unbound set, and one corresponding electronic copy formatted to match the printed sets. in addition, the Contractor is responsible for providing all printing and document submittals required by permitting agencies.

The Contractor shall provide electronic drawings in AutoCAD, as approved by the Project Manager. American Institute of Architects (AM) CAD standards, including but not limited to file format and set-up, layering, naming, line weights, and pen tables, shall be used consistently in all delivered documents. The Contractor shall coordinate with M-NCPPC staff to assure delivery of error-free electronic deliverables submitted in two formats: a scanned PDF file that matches the approved hard copy deliverable, and a file whereby drawing information can be manipulated for future use by the Department of Parks.

These consist of design, construction, and permit phase deliverable documents. Only progress printings do not require the professional seal of a licensed

architect or engineer. Redlined documents (hand-marked over electronic printings) are not acceptable for these deliverables.

As-Built Documentation

The Contractor shall be responsible for completing all as-built requirements related to the project. See Attachments for requirements. Final as-built documents incorporating all permit and other changes to approved construction documents, must be submitted as the final record drawings and support documents. Mylar drawings are required for the unbound set.

SECTION 3. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Anthony and I are requesting all work shall be completed by October 15, 2011to allow for proper curing of the exposed vertical aggregate repairs

Design, Permits and Reviews	90 days
Construction and Site Work	120 days??
Project Inspections and Punch Lists	30 days
Total time for Substantial Completion	240 days

SECTION 4. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMITTALS

Format:

The Offeror shall submit six (6); 8-1/2" x 11" bound and sealed proposals. At least one (1) is to be an

original document containing original signatures of all parties; the remaining proposals may be photocopies. Proposals shall be organized in the following manner:

Submittal Requirements:

A. Qualifications

For a proposal to be considered, the Offeror must have successfully completed a mini-mum of three (3) General Contracting historic masonry projects within the past ten (10) years that involve the Preservation/Stabilization of historic buildings listed on any of these: 1) the National Register of Historic Places, 2) the Montgomery County or Prince George's County Master Plan for Historic Preservation, 3) the Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites, or 4) any comparable local inventory of historic structures. **Submit a letter on company letterhead signed by an authorized person verifying compliance with this requirement**. The Offeror shall identify the proposed key personnel to be assigned to perform work on this Project. Offeror must submit resumes for all key personnel assigned to perform work, including any proposed subcontractors that outline their education, training, and work experience. The Offeror shall address the firm's experience with projects similar in nature to the one requested by the Commission.

B. Required Team

The following areas of expertise of the Contractor or subcontractor are required.

- Exposed vertical aggregate repairs
- Historic architecture or master craftsman/builder

- Structural engineering

C. Company Profile

Provide the following information relative to the Offeror's firm and any proposed subcontractors that will be performing the scope of work for this project:

- Firm name and business address, including telephone, facsimile numbers, and e-mail address:
- Year established (include former firm names and year established, if applicable);
- Type of ownership and parent company, if any. Subsidiary companies shall also be identified.
- Brief history of the firm and summary of specialty areas.
- Organization chart
- Number of employees

D. Relevant Experience (Prime and Sub-Contractors)

The Contractor and Sub-Contractors should have at least five years experience in their proposed area of expertise for this project. For each entity, submit a brief description of all similar relevant projects performed in the past ten (10) years. Provide detailed information for a minimum of two (2) of those projects.

Of the listed projects, the following criteria must be met in order for a project to be considered as experience: a minimum of two (2) projects must be historic structure preservation/stabilization projects performed by the Key Personnel identified by the Offeror. Brief project descriptions should be inclusive of

the type of work performed masonry structural stabilization, geo-technical site work, etc.), scope or scale of project, client type (public, private, educational, institutional, etc.), dollar volume of project, contract method (CM, GC), and project duration. Detailed information should include a description of project rewards and challenges.

E. Subcontractors and Other Personnel

This project requires high quality and specialized workmanship and the Offeror should include a narrative on its selection of sub-contractors, including the following information:

- A list, by trade area or responsibility, of sub-contractors or other personnel that will be working on the project.
- The amount of time in hours, days or weeks that each subcontractor is expected to spend on the project.
- How the Contractor will ensure high quality performance from each sub-contractor listed.

F. References

Provide a minimum of three (3) references, including one for each detailed project as submitted under the relevant experience category above. Provide contact name, address, and telephone number for each reference. The Commission reserves the right to verify all information given as well as to check any other sources available. Accurate information must be provided and the contact person must be capable of speaking about the Contractor and Subcontractor's capability in performing the services required. References will be held in the strictest of confidence.

G. Methodology and Approach

Describe 1) the method, work sequence, and schedule to be used to accomplish the objectives of this Request for Proposal, 2) Based on the Offeror's prior experience and the project description in this Solicitation, describe any technical difficulties that are anticipated and provide a proposed method to overcome them, and 3) Provide information about type and number of personnel and construction vehicles that may be required, frequency of access, and preferred staging and vehicle parking areas.

H. Project Costs

All costs for the project should be submitted on the Price Proposal Form in a lump sum with an itemized breakdown of the costs attached. Offerors must provide a list, in the order of priority, of the work necessary to stabilize the structure and prevent further deterioration, and the costs associated with each task.

SECTION 6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by an Evaluation Committee (Committee) according to the criteria listed below.

After initial review of the written proposals, the Committee may request supplemental discussion, presentation, or clarification of the Offeror's proposal. The costs of such presentations shall be borne solely by the Offeror. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted and to accept or reject any or all parts of the proposals as submitted without discussion.

The Committee may request oral interviews with some or all Offerors. If interviews are held, the

Offeror must be prepared to answer questions regarding all aspects of their proposal. If interviews are held, Offerors are advised that, following the interviews, an award may be made without further discussion. Therefore, the initial proposal shall provide the Evaluation Committee with sufficient information to recommend award without discussions. Proposals will be reviewed by the Committee to judge the merits of each proposal received in accordance with the evaluation criteria defined herein. Failure of the Offeror to provide in their proposal any information requested in this REP may result in disqualification of the proposal and shall be the responsibility of the proposing firm.

The Commission reserves the right to award in the aggregate or in part.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

CRITERIA	POINTS
Qualifications and experience of the Firm, Key personnel and Subcontractors specifically in terms of experience with Restoration of Historic Properties	45
Methodology and Approach to the Project	30
Cost	15
MFD	10

SECTION 7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Time for Completion of Work and Liquidated Damages

This contract shall be in effect for a term of three hundred ninety (240) calendar days from the start date specified in the Contract Administrator's Notice to Proceed. This accounts for three hundred (300) calendar days to complete all work items and construction inclusive of all punch list items; and a ninety (90) day retention period after all punch list items have been corrected and accepted.

The construction completion days shall be consecutive calendar days from the date given in the Contract Administrator's written Notice to Proceed. If the Contractor refuses or fails to complete such work within the three hundred (300) calendar day period, subject to the conditions named in the specifications and drawings, the Commission may deduct from the final payment the sum of **$200 per day** as fixed and agreed liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for each calendar day delay after the construction completion date until the final physical completion of the work and its acceptance by the Commission.

The contract shall be in effect for a term of three hundred ninety (390) calendar days from the start date specified in the Notice to Proceed. This term includes: 1) a reasonable time to complete all work imposed by the contract inclusive of punch list work; 2) an allowance of time for weather related delays considering average climatic conditions during the term; and 3) an allowance for a 90 day retention period following completion of the work prior to final payment.

Failure to complete the work, or any part of the work, by the specified construction completion date constitutes a breach of contract which may result in termination or assessment of liquidated damages as provided by the contract. Within the contract terms, the Peace Cross Monument restoration and all other related work shall be completed within three hundred (300) calendar days of the date given in the Contract Administrator's written Notice to Proceed.

B. Contractor's Application for Payment

All requests for payments made under a subsequent contract from this solicitation should be submitted on the attached Application for Payment form. Failure to use this form, and to explicitly follow the accompanying instructions, may result in delay of payment to the contractor. The payment form is included in the forms section.

C. Price Proposal Form

The Contractor should provide a Lump Sum and breakdown of prices, as shown on the Price Proposal Form, to provide all services for the successful and thorough completion of the Historic Chelsea House preservation/stabilization.

D. Suspension of Work

The completion time for all work on this project is for three hundred (300) calendar days. Should work be suspended because of weather, a letter will be issued giving comprehensive details regarding the shutdown.

E. Subcontracting or Assigning

The proposal shall clearly indicate the proposed subcontractors to be utilized to accom-plish the Scope of Services. Once a contract has been awarded to the

successful Offeror, no portion of the resulting contract shall be subcontracted, assigned or otherwise disposed of except upon written consent of the Contract Administrator (s). Any assignment, subcontract or other disposition of all or part of this contract without express written consent of the Contract Administrator shall be null and void. Consent to subcontract, assign or dispose of any portion of the contract shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for fulfilling all the requirements of the contract. Nothing contained in the proposal or contract documents shall create any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the Commission. The Subcontracting Utilization report must be submitted with the proposal_

F. News Releases

All Offerors, prior to award, and the successful Contractor, after award, shall not make any news releases concerning this Contract without the prior written permission of the Commission's Project Manager.

G. Release of Liens

All release of liens shall be made upon the release of lien form and submitted to the Contract Administrator before final payment is made to the Contractor.

H. New Construction and improvements Cost Breakdown Reporting

The Commission is subject to new financial reporting requirements involving allocation of costs associated with new construction and major improvements. Therefore, the Contractor will be required to supply the Commission with cost breakdown reports of

major components of this project. The reporting of cost allocations on the Commission furnished form is a material aspect of this procurement. The subject reporting shall be submitted by the Contractor at the following two specified intervals within the contract administration period of this project.

The first report due from the Contractor shall be submitted with the proposal. The first report from the Contractor shall be comprised of the total, lump sum costs initially estimated to be allocated to each of the following applicable categories as directed by the Commission: Buildings, Infrastructure (roads, parking lots, trails, dams, vehicular bridges).

Other Improvements (playgrounds and equipment, sports lighting, sports courts) and Repairs/Renovations/Maintenance. The total of the initial estimated cost allocations shall equal the Total Bid amount contracted. **Failure to complete the Construction Pricing Form may result in your bid or proposal being found non-responsive**.

The second report due from the Contractor shall be submitted with the final pay application, along with the guarantees, warranties, release of liens, Consent of Surety for Final Payment and/or any other documents required by the Commission. The second cost allocation report shall reflect the factual final costs associated with each category and the total of the categories shall equal the total final contract price. Final contract price is defined as the Total Bid amount originally contracted, plus all change orders, amendments or other additions or subtractions from the original contract amount. **Before final payment will be released, the Contractor must**

submit this form reporting the final costs summarized by category.

I. Unsuitable Materials

Historically inaccurate replacement material shall not be used. Some leeway may be given for compatible substitute material only if necessary and if approved by the Historic Preservation Commission and/or the Project Manager.

J. Archeological Materials

The M-NCPPC Archaeology Section shall be notified prior to any excavations on the site. Any historic artifacts found during the course of construction must not be destroyed or removed from the site. The materials must be collected, saved, and delivered safely to M-NCPPC Archaeology staff. The Contractor is required to contact the Commission's Park Archaeologist and Project Manager immediately and directly when questions arise. Contact information will be provided.

K. Hazardous and Flammable Materials, Equipment, and Substances

No smoking shall be allowed on park property. The Contractor must take special care and precaution when using heat producing equipment or substances that could easily ignite, cause, or spread fire; and not leave heat producing equipment, substances, or operators of equipment unattended at any time. Emergency telephones and fire extinguishers should be kept visible and accessible on site at all times. The Contractor is to notify the closest Local Fire Department, of the start and finish of the work, and keep the Department's phone number posted in a visible and accessible location at all times.

L. Site Access

Access to the Peace Cross Monument is provided via Rt. 450/Annapolis Road. The Peace Cross monument is located on a heavily traveled traffic island. Parking and construction staging next to Peace Cross is possible. The Contractor shall be responsible for repairing any damage to the turf area caused as a result of their within the traffic island.

M. Limits of Disturbance

Project work that creates land disturbance over 5,000 square feet will trigger Prince George's County Stormwater Management and Sediment and Erosion Control permit requirements.

N. Communication

There must be a minimum of one English speaking employee of the Contractor on site at all times.

O. Payment Schedule

The Commission will make payments for each of the phases after acceptance of the work and submission by the Contractor of a suitable invoice. Payments will be made upon the completion of the following:

- Submission of design and engineering drawings and reports from materials testing laboratory
- Acquisition of all permits.
- Mobilization of equipment, materials and scaffolding setup.
- Construction and restoration of monument, removal of scaffolding and site cleanup – **should this be divided into a couple of sections??**

- **Establishment of positive drainage away from the monument towards storm drain**

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EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS FOR RESTORATION OF PEACE CROSS MONUMENT IN BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND.

General discussion.

There were three proposals to be reviewed. One was rejected as non-compliant with the RFP requirements.

The three proposals were from Corning Construction Corporation

Federal Masonry Restoration LLC

Architectural Preservation Services.

All three of the proposals included the services of Keast and Hood Engineering which has experience with testing of structures to provide data to the lead preservation principals who have the overall responsibility for devising the preservation/restoration of the Peace Cross Monument.

Only one of the proposals exhibits experience with the restoration/preservation/testing of structures designed and built by the John Earley Studios. The Earley techniques are unique and require both a full understanding of the process/technique as well as experience in evaluating conditions affecting an Earley structure and devising/implementing a preservation/restoration solution. Failure is almost certain in repairs if there is no experience in these types of structures.

One of the proposals stood out for its lack of any historic preservation experience among its principals. This was the Corning Corporation. Only their subcontractor, Keast and Hood has experience with testing of Earley structures though it is unclear if the same Keast and Hood personnel would be dedi-

cated to the testing phase of this project. The principal lead preservation group, Conservation Solutions, Inc. has experience in primarily metal structures and some cemetery stone work but no experience in concrete forms and their restoration. The proposed cost breakouts in the Corning proposal are confusing in that the use of "not included" seems to occur throughout the proposal and leaves one with a feeling that the proposed cost of $ 214, 223 is only the starting price which is, itself, not inclusive. The principals of Corning that are to manage the project have no experience in historic preservation/restoration and are providing themselves with a $61, 000 administrative fee. She question then remains about who is in charge of this project that has experience in historic preservation/restoration. Coming Corporation is unqualified to undertake the restoration of Peace Cross and does not meet the RFP requirements.

Architectural Preservation Services has historic preservation experience but it is with stone/cast stone structures and surface cosmetic repairs utilizing various mortars. There are no hollow monolithic concrete structures in their experience. The principals would be undertaking a learning experience for the restoration of Peace Cross, and, the methodology of surface repair fails to address the internal dynamic/conditions of this unique concrete structure. Their proposal does include testing and mapping of defects but the proposed repair methodology is inappropriate for a successful restoration of Peace Cross. The last repairs to Peace Cross utilized the same approach and it failed as can be seen in the current condition of the monument. Architectural Preservation Services does not have experience or listed projects that

exhibit an understanding of hollow concrete structures and especially the Earley structures which are unique. The estimated cost of the Architectural Preservation Services is the lowest at S 112, 377. Their cost estimates appear to reflect their limited repair methodology and the parameters/techniques of their engineering review. A revision of their proposal to include the expertise of those capable of rendering Earley shop cast and installed repairs would necessarily increase their estimated costs and introduce a new lead principal to the proposal. The current proposal from Architectural Preservation Services does not exhibit the required expertise/experience for the restoration of Peace Cross.

Federal Masonry Restoration LLC is the only team that has experience with Earley structures and their repair/restoration. All members of the team of subcontractors as well as the lead project managers have extensive experience in a variety of Earley structures and their evaluation/testing/repairs. This is also the only team that actually evidences the grasp of Earley shop cast panels as form work for concreterurs. The qualifications of the Federal Masonry Restoration LLC are far superior to the other proposals. The estimated costs of the Federal Masonry Restoration LLC are the highest of the three proposals and there is an omission of "inclusion" of the digital laser scan of the monument mapping in the project total costs. This scan is the manner in which the monument condition/defects will be mapped for current and future use and is estimated at $ 12, 000. This approach allows for full integration/relating of varieties of data about the monument that will be collected.

It is recommended that Federal Masonry Restoration LLC be asked to revise their pro-posal and include the digital scan costs in their total project costs and that they also provide their best and final proposed offer to MNCPPC. There seems to be overlap of project tasks being shared among the various subcontractors compromising the team. The proposal could be refined by eliminating overlap of responsibilities among the team members.

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK & PLANNING COMMISSION

Department of Finance

January 31, 2011

To: Bob Burgner, Natural & Historical Resources Division

From: Stephanie Akerley, Principal Procurement-Specialist

Danny Mays, Procurement Specialist

Subject: Proposal No. P31-125 Preservation & Restoration of Peace Cross Monument

Four (4) proposals were received on the above referenced project. Copies of each proposal are enclosed for review. The Purchasing Department has been notified that the following Commission staff will serve as the Evaluation Team: Bob Burgner, Anthony Nolan and Don Creveling. Dan Filippelli will also be serving on the team in a non-scoring, advisory capacity. Team members are reminded that in order to score proposals they must be in attendance at all committee meetings. Further, all members are required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement prior to reviewing proposals. All information contained in the proposals and information discussed in committee meetings must be kept confidential. Proposals are to be kept in a secured location at all times.

Members should have all of the proposals read and be prepared to discuss the con-tents at the first committee meeting. Signed Confidentiality Agreements need to be collected at the first meeting.

After all the respondents have been rated, a memorandum from the Evaluation Committee needs to be prepared outlining the selections and the reasons, along with the completed and signed Procurement Data Sheet (attached). Points have been assigned for the proposed fee for each respondent,

A contract, with the appropriate Certificate of Insurance and Bonds, will need to be prepared and forwarded to the Purchasing Office, along with the completed and signed Evaluation Forms, total score and comments.

Please contact us at (301) 454-1605 (Stephanie) or 301-454-1607 (Danny) if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

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Arch Preservation Services

1) Quality Exper, Key personnel, subs (max 45 pts)

Prime contractor – max 30 pts

Subs – max 10 pts

Comments

Sub-Keast & Hood

(A) They have considerable exper working with cast ++++, sandstone, historic mortars matching, plaster, limestone, granite, marble, glazed brick-work, stone walls

(B) No experience with exposed concrete masonry or applying

(C) C.S. blends to vertical concrete surfaces or Earlys work including hollow concrete structure

2) Methodology & Procedures (30 pts)

Comments

Didn't indicate process for repairing P.C. other than what we provided in scope of work except #23, page #31 indicated a patch similar to 1986 repair depending on cathedral stone and develop and blends.

The prime contractor and subs don't have experience with Earlys hollow concrete structure.